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Garapan Elementary School teachers and staff gather in a ceremony presenting the "Patriotic Award" to principal Derwin Johnson, back, holding plaque, from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Committee for Guam and the CNMI. He was nominated by Special Education teacher and Army Reservist Ashley Castro De Guzman, left holding flag.
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Oct. 31 SOCA is a go—Torres

Torres

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With the Senate and the House of Representatives at an impasse after adopting different dates and venues for the State of the Commonwealth Address, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres disclosed yesterday that he will deliver his SOCA at the Kensington Hotel Saipan on Oct. 31 at 10am as planned.

"I will be addressing the Legislature and the community in my Commonwealth address," said Torres in response to *Saipan Tribune*'s questions.

He said the House majority and others have complained about not being invited to his SOCA for Oct. 21 as he had originally set at the

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As of yesterday, 1,954 registered voters have requested for absentee ballots and those ballots were mailed to them, according to Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Kayla S. Igitol.

Igitol also announced that the Northern Islands early voting will be relocated back to the CEC office this Friday, Oct. 28, due to a state funeral for a police officer that will take place at the Pedro P.

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Senate overrides Torres veto on PSYPACT bill

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» **PSYPACT legislation now a law**

The Senate unanimously voted Monday to override Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' veto of a bill that paves the way for the CNMI to join the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact, or PSYPACT, to improve and expand mental health care services for CNMI residents.

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Saipan Katori Shrine marks 37th year

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The Saipan Katori Shrine at the Sugar King Park celebrated its 37th anniversary last Saturday, coinciding with the annual Japanese Autumn Festival, highlighting the deep ties between the Marianas and Japan.

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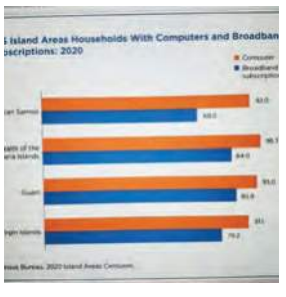

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ESGR recognizes Johnson as a 'Patriotic Employer'

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The Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Committee for Guam and the CNMI has recognized Garapan Elementary School principal Derwin Johnson as a "Patriotic Employer."

Johnson, an educator in the CNMI Public School System for 18 years, was presented the award in a ceremony at the Garapan Elementary School cafeteria last Monday. He was nominated for the award by Special Education teacher and Army Reservist Ashley Castro De Guzman.

Johnson has been a teacher, school counselor, vice principal, and a principal now for two years– all at the Garapan Elementary School.

"I think it's important that we support our service members and in any way I can do that I'm very glad to provide that support. I understand that she's an educator, she's a mother, she's a service member and so it's important that we accommodate that and help her when she gets the call of duty from the military," he said about supporting De Guzman.

He said he was surprised at the nomination and that he had no clue about it, "I had no idea, but I'm very grateful. And I'm proud and I'm happy to be able to help and that she feels that she's being supported. That's really what matters."

De Guzman, a Special Education teacher for children from kindergarten to 5th grade and a sergeant in the Army, said she nominated her principal on account of his support. "Not only to me, but to my team. When I leave for military training, sometimes it's last minute and then he [still communicates with me] even though I'm off island sometimes. He doesn't have any expectations of me—he knows that as long as the team is informed, the work will get done. He's just an awesome employer."

The award is presented to employers for contributing to national security and supporting employee participation in America's National Guard and Reserves Force.

MILITARY AWARDEE

Master Sgt. Nicole Cabrera of the U.S. Air Force, second from right, is awarded the Bronze Star Medal and is also awarded a sister service award, the Army Commendation Medal with a Combat "C" device, for her leadership and efforts while engaged in operations against an opposing armed force while deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Inherent Resolve in 2021. Cabrera is a native of Tinian and is the daughter of Henry and Petra Cabrera. The Bronze Star Medal is awarded to members of the U.S. Armed Forces for either heroic achievement, heroic service, meritorious achievement, or meritorious service in a combat zone. It is the fourth-highest ranking award a service member can receive for a heroic and meritorious deed performed in an armed conflict.

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2020 CENSUS DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILES DATA SHOWS

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The Census Bureau data also shows that 84% of Marianas households have a broadband internet subscription, which is slightly below the 90% U.S. average.

Computer ownership and internet subscriptions in the CNMI both increased from 2010 to 2020.

Computer ownership went from 56% in 2010 to 96.7% in 2020, while household access to an internet service increased from 44% to 84%.

In Guam, 95% of households own a computer and 85.9% have broadband subscription.

In the U.S. Virgin Islands, 91.1% of households own a computer and 79.2% have broadband.

American Samoa has the lowest rate of broadband subscription out of all the Island Areas, with 69% of households there indicating they subscribe to one or more broadband services.

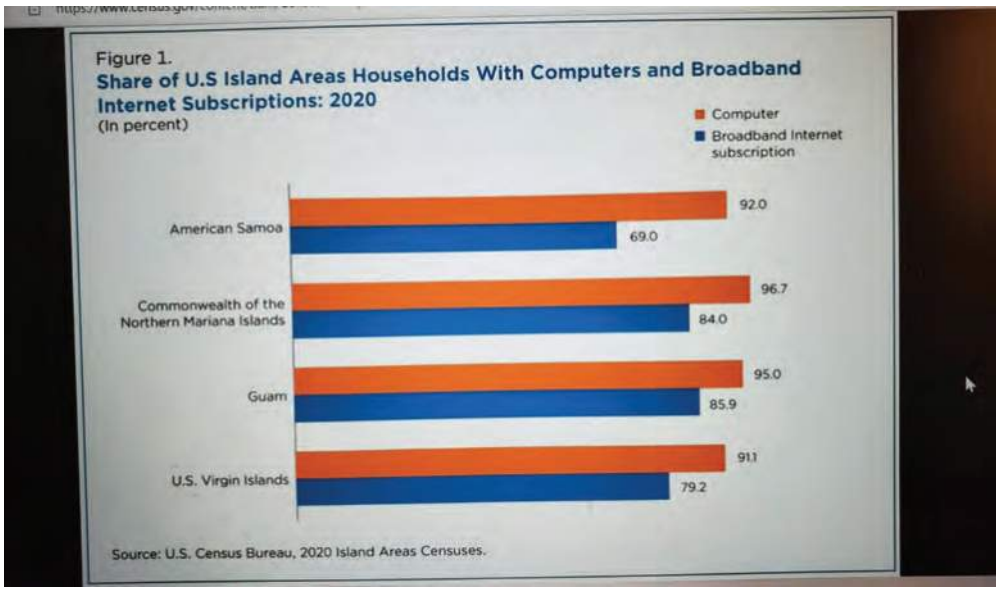
Census data show that 92% of American Samoa households own a computer.

In his *e-kilili* newsletter over the weekend, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) said the CNMI leading in computer use was made possible by the U.S. Congress, with funds from the American Recovery Reinvestment Act and the annual Title 1 school funding that he helped increase in 2015.

Sablan said over 2,000 Marianas households enrolled in the Emergency Broadband Benefit program that Congress created in response to COVID-19 in 2021.

"The skill and ability to be online is critically important to individual growth and or economy in the 21st century," the delegate said.

The U.S. Census Bureau conducted the decennial census in partnership with the Island Areas governments in compliance with Title 13 of the U.S. Code and to meet the specific data needs of Island Areas.



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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Guam Attorney General Leevin Camacho presents Dr. Philip Dauterman, center, with a certificate of recognition that thanks him for his many years of work for Guam's Office of Chief Medical Examiner's Office. In particular, Camacho noted that Dr. Dauterman has shouldered substantial responsibilities at the OCME and have provided post-mortem examinations for Guam in the absence of a chief medical examiner in the territory in the last three years.

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Prayer to the HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit thou who makes me see everything and show me the way to reach my ideal. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue, want to thank You for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from You no matter how great the material desires may be. I want to be with You and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. AMEN.

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Water service interruption in Wireless Ridge, Talafofo, Capital Hill, portions of Kagman

There will be a scheduled water service interruption on Saturday, Oct. 29, 2022, from 8:30am to 2:30pm for the areas of Wireless Ridge, Talafofo, and Isa Drive on Capital Hill to the Kagman Mobil Gas Station.

This will allow Commonwealth Utilities Corp. water operators to repair two service lateral leaks on Marshall Loop on Capital Hill. Customers should expect restoration of water services soon after the repairs.

For the safety of the men and women working at the repair site, motorists are advised to proceed with caution or to take an alternative route when traveling through the area.

For more information, contact the CUC Hotline (236-4333) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (https://www.facebook.coml-CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporationl). ***(PR)***

Water service interruption in Upper Dandan Homestead, Naftan and Obyan areas

There will be a scheduled water service interruption on Friday, Oct. 28, 2022, from 8:30am to 2:30pm for the Upper Dandan Homestead, Naftan and Obyan areas.

This will allow Commonwealth Utilities Corp. water operators to repair a main service lateral leak near Jin Li Store in Dandan. Customers should expect restoration of water services soon after the repairs.

For the safety of the men and women working at the repair site, motorists are advised to proceed with caution or to take an alternative route when traveling through the area.

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All eight senators present at a special session voted "yes" to the motion to override the governor's veto on House Bill 22-80. Sen. Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota) was absent. With the House of Representatives having already overridden the governor's veto last Oct. 18, this means the Senate action on Monday makes the bill a law.

Before the voting, Sen. Vinson Vinnie F. Sablan (R-Saipan) pointed out that the governor vetoed the bill last Aug. 29 as the authors did not include any information detailing the annual costs of administering the PSYPACT and appropriation to support the annual commitment. However, after information provided to the senators, they now understand that there is no fee for the CNMI to be part of PSYPACT, Sablan said.

Sen. Vinnie Vinson F. Sablan (R-Saipan), fourth from left, reads documents as he explains during Monday's special session the reason why Gov. Ralph DLG Torres vetoed a bill that proposes to have the CNMI join the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact, or PSYPACT. Saying that Torres' concern has been taken care of, Sablan moved to override the governor's veto. The Senate unanimously voted "yes" to the motion.

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"In fact, there is no cost to the CNMI beyond the $10 state assessment fee for each licensed psychologist in the CNMI who chooses to be authorized under PSYPACT," he said.

Sablan said the concern of the governor is now addressed by these communications.

Rep. Christina E. Sablan (D-Saipan) is the main author of the bill.

Sen. Teresita A. Santos (Ind-Rota) said the COVID-19 pandemic has created a greater need for mental health services in a framework marked by a huge gap in access to services, making it urgent to bridge that gap and promote the expansion of mental health services for people.

"Thus, I'm in support of having more local licensed psychologists but while capacity is building, we have an urgent unmet need for services that PSYPACT can help meet," Santos said.

From right to left, Ryoji Takagaki, Japanese consul to Saipan; Henry Hofschneider, special assistant to the Mayor of Saipan; and Judy Torres, deputy managing director of Marianas Visitors Authority. They are holding art by Noguchi who is an artist from Katori City.

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SAIPAN

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In the morning, the Japanese Society of the Northern Mariana Islands, along with Henry Hofschneider, special assistant to the Mayor of Saipan; Ryuju Takagaki, Japanese consul to Saipan; and Martin Dueñas from Marianas Visitors Authority joined members of the Japanese Society of the Northern Mariana Islands to mark the 37th anniversary of the Sugar King Park shrine, which is a replica of the Katori Shrine in Japan.

Society vice president Hiroko Tajima said that conducting the annual Katori Shrine Ceremony "has always been a great honor for the Japanese Society of Northern Marianas. Katori Shrine is the oldest and high[est] grade shrine in Japan and contributes [to] the friendship between the people of Japan and CNMI. …As we gradually recover from this difficult time, we look forward to [bringing Katori City and Saipan] much closer," she said.

Saipan and Katori City, Japan have an official sister-city agreement that was inked in October last year.

Takeshi Katori, chief priest from the Katori Shrine in Japan, who attended the ceremony virtually, said their "wish for entering a sister-city agreement between Saipan and Katori City finally came true. The agreement stated that our two cities share 100 years of history through Saipan Katori Shrine. I sincerely hope our good relationship will continue for many generations to come."

The Saipan Mayor's Office was presented with paper cutting art made by the Japanese artist Noguchi from Katori City in Japan.

Later that evening, the Japanese Society of the Northern Mariana Islands held its annual Autumn Festival at the Paseo de Marianas. The event was highlighted by the Awa-odori Saipan Team's 15th anniversary and was attended by Tokyo Tensuiren entertainers from Japan.

There were also demonstrations of the traditional Kendo by the Saipan Kenbukai, as well as a Bonodori Dance, which is a traditional dance with traditional kimono.

The festival also featured Japanese foods, game booths, raffle, and garage sales.

SOCA

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Kensington Hall. This, he said, prompted him to move the SOCA to Oct. 31 because he wanted to make sure that he accommodates their request.

"And now, they want to hold it on Dec. 1," Torres said.

The Senate adopted Monday Senate Joint Resolution 22-13 to call for a joint session of the Legislature to receive the governor's SOCA at the Kensington Hotel on Oct. 31.

The House also adopted Monday House Joint Resolution 22-18 to call for a joint session of the Legislature to receive Torres' SOCA, but to be held in the House chamber on Dec. 1.

Rep. Ralph N. Yumul (R-Saipan), who is the author of the House Joint Resolution 22-18, said Monday that the House leadership met last week and decided that it will be fair for the Commonwealth to receive the SOCA after the Nov. 8 general elections.

Torres said yesterday that if he is not mistaken, the late governor Froilan Tenorio and former governor Benigno Fitial have both sent a written SOCA to the Legislature without having a joint resolution to receive it.

Torres said this was also the advice of his legal counsel, Gilbert Birnbrich, that he does not need a joint session, but when the House majority complained about not being invited, he wanted to make sure they are invited and gave them ample time to call a joint session.

"None of them made an issue about timing and so I asked for the 31st," he said.

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Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

She said the Northern Islands early voting will resume at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center this Saturday, Oct. 29.

With respect to absentee ballots, Igitol disclosed that some of the ballots have already arrived at the U.S. Postal Service office in Chalan Kanoa.

"We don't pick them up until election day [Nov. 8]," she said.

The executive director said their first pickup of the absentee ballot will be at 11am and the second is right before the post office closes.

Regarding the Northern Islands early voting, Igitol said that, as of yesterday, 137 have already voted and that there are 59 who have yet to vote.

"We're waiting for 59 more voters. It's very slow. We'll get one voter a day or no voter at all," she said.

CEC started the Northern Islands early voting last Sept. 23. The last day of early voting is Nov. 7.

Rivera to head HR and corporate dev't at Citadel Pacific

TAMUNING, Guam—Citadel Pacific Ltd. has announced that John J. Rivera has joined the company as director of Human Resources Corporate Development. In this role he will be responsible for the people operations and talent development innovation functions for the for region, leveraging his expertise in Human Capital Innovation through Agile Leadership Transformation and Organizational Development specializing in Emotional Intelligence, Personality Type, and Strategic Talent Capacity Building.

"I could not be more excited for John to join the Citadel family. We share the same commitment to growing our people by providing them with the tools and support they need to succeed. John is an inspiring leader and I'm confident our teams will thrive under his guidance," said Jim Beighley, CEO of Citadel Pacific Ltd.

Rivera

Rivera comes to Citadel Pacific Ltd. from the University of Guam, where he was a tenured associate professor of Public Administration with the School of Business and Public Administration. He is the co-founder and former director of the Regional Center for Public Policy.

Currently, he is the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority board of commissioners chair. Other select community achievements include assisting in the establishment of the FBI Guam Citizen's Academy Alumni Association as the founding board vice president and past president; founding board member and past president of the Rotary eClub of Pago Bay Guam; the Guam Green Growth Working Group on the United Nations Sustainability Goals, and the Society of Human Resource Management Guam Chapter board of directors. He was recognized as one of 40 Emerging Leaders in the Government of Guam, the first local in 2020 to win the UOG Triton Faculty of the Year Award and was among the inaugural speakers for TEDx Hagåtña in 2021.

Rivera holds a doctorate from Capella University in Organization and Management with a Specialization in Leadership. From the University of Guam, he earned an MPA and a Professional MBA, with an emphasis in emerging markets. He also holds various credentials and certifications, including an Executive Certificate in Public Policy from School of Government at Harvard University. He is an HR Certification Institute recognized subject matter SPHRi expert and the first on Guam and in the region to hold certain HR credentials.

Citadel Pacific Ltd. is a holding company with operations in Guam, the CNMI, and Palau, including PTI Pacifica which does business as IT&E; IP&E, which operates Shell, Foody's, and Travelr; PACIFICPOINTS; Solenergy Micronesia; and Fujita Properties, which operates the ITC Building in Tamuning and Bank of Hawaii building in Hagåtña. ***(PR)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

5.3-magnitude quake in Pagan region

At 2:54am on Oct. 25 2022, a report of a 5.3-magnitude earthquake occurred at 18.740°N 146.411°E in the Pagan region of the Northern Marianas Islands. Currently, there are no tsunami warnings or advisories that were issued by the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center. For more information, contact the CNMI EOC State Warning Point at (670) 237-8000. ***(PR)***

4.9-magnitude quake o northeast of Saipan

At 10:16pm on Oct. 20 2022, a report of a 4.9-magnitude earthquake occurred 256 kilometers northeast of Saipan in the Northern Mariana Islands. Currently, there are no tsunami warnings or advisories that were issued by the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center. For more information, contact the CNMI EOC State Warning Point at (670) 237-8000. ***(PR)***

SCC November General Membership Meeting set

The monthly General Membership Meeting for the Saipan Chamber of Commerce will be on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2022, from 11:30am to 1pm at the Hyatt Regency Saipan Ballroom. Lunch will be served at 11:30am and the meeting will begin promptly at noon. The luncheon fee is $25/Chamber member and $35/non-member. To reserve or for more information, contact the Chamber office at (670) 234-7150 or email coordinator2@saipanchamber.com. ***(PR)***

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority ("CPA" or "Authority") is soliciting proposals for the award of one (1) concession granting the privilege to provide motor vehicle rental services to the traveling public (including the provision of insurance related to motor vehicles rented in the operation of such motor vehicle rental services) at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport ("Car Rental Concession"). The successful proposer will be expected to provide motor vehicle rental services in accordance with its concession and concession agreement at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport for a period of eighteen (18) months (contract to end on 05/31/2024) upon entering into a concession agreement with the Authority.

The date of issuance of CPA-RFP-011-22 is **October 12, 2022**, and it can be obtained at the issuing office: CPA Administration Office, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, Second floor of Arrival terminal at the Saipan International Airport.

Proposals must be addressed to Commonwealth Ports Authority, Attn: Car Rental Concessions Evaluation Committee, CPA Administration Office, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950; and submitted to and received by the CPA Administration Office (second floor of arrival terminal at the Saipan International Airport) **by or before 4:00 p.m. on November 22, 2022**, at which time the proposal period shall expire. Proposals must be accompanied with a non-refundable administrative fee of $100.00. Payment shall be made in cash, credit card, or cashier's check payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority to defray the costs associated with handling and considering the proposal. Proposals are not required to include a prepaid minimum concession fee.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to cancel this RFP and to reject any and all proposals in accordance with its Concession Regulations (NMIAC Chapter 40-70).

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
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Local filmmaker to debut film at festival circuit

Saipan-born and raised filmmaker Tonny Yang, who wrote and directed the short film A Quarter of Silence, will be premiering his film at the Silver State Film Festival, the San Francisco short film festival, the Mentone Film Festival, and streaming on the Shorts Roku Channel.

A Quarter of Silence revolves around two young parents who lose their drive for affection and goes through one night of silence that reignites their proclivity for love.

Yang 23, who is the son of Ke Yang and Jessica Liu, graduated from Marianas High School and went on to complete the Bachelor of Cinema program at the San Francisco State University. He has always had an interest in storytelling through film while growing up on the islands.

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Saipan-born and raised filmmaker Tonny Yang has written and and directed a short film called A Quarter of Silence.

Yang has directed and participated in films such as Fake It, In Men We Trust, Flutter and many more.

A Quarter of Silence will be premiering at the Century Theater of the New Orleans Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada, on Oct. 29, at 9:30pm as part of the Silver State Film Festival. It will also be shown at the Maya Cinema Theater in Pittsburg, California, on Oct. 28 at 6pm as part of the San Francisco Short Film Festival and at on Nov. 11 at the Mentone Film Festival. ***(PR)***

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- Silver State Film Festival: https: //www. silverstatefilmfestival.com/tickets
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- Mentone Film Festival: mentonefilmfestival.com

Demapan-Castro is acting Saipan mayor

Ana Demapan-Castro, who chairs the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council, has been designated acting mayor of Saipan until Oct. 27, 2022.

In a memorandum he issued last Oct. 24, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang said he will be traveling out of Saipan on personal business from Oct. 25, 2022, to Oct. 27, 2022, and names Demapan-Castro as acting mayor until his return. ***(PR)***

USCIS extends COVID-19-related flexibilities

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services is extending certain COVID-19-related flexibilities through Jan. 24, 2023, to assist applicants, petitioners, and requestors. Under these flexibilities, USCIS considers a response received within 60 calendar days after the due date set forth in the following requests or notices before taking any action, if the request or notice was issued between March 1, 2020, and Jan. 24, 2023, inclusive:

- Requests for Evidence;
- Continuations to Request Evidence (N-14);
- Notices of Intent to Deny;
- Notices of Intent to Revoke;
- Notices of Intent to Rescind;
- Notices of Intent to Terminate regional centers;
- Notices of Intent to Withdraw Temporary Protected Status; and
- Motions to Reopen an N-400 Pursuant to 8 CFR 335.5, Receipt of Derogatory Information After Grant.

In addition, USCIS will consider a Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal or Motion, or a Form N-336, Request for a Hearing on a Decision in Naturalization Proceedings (Under Section 336 of the INA), if:

- The form was filed up to 90 calendar days from the issuance of a decision we made; and
- We made that decision between Nov. 1, 2021, and Jan. 24, 2023, inclusive.

As a reminder, the reproduced signature flexibility announced in March 2020 became permanent policy on July 25, 2022. ***(USCIS)***

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Location: TINIAN		SALARY
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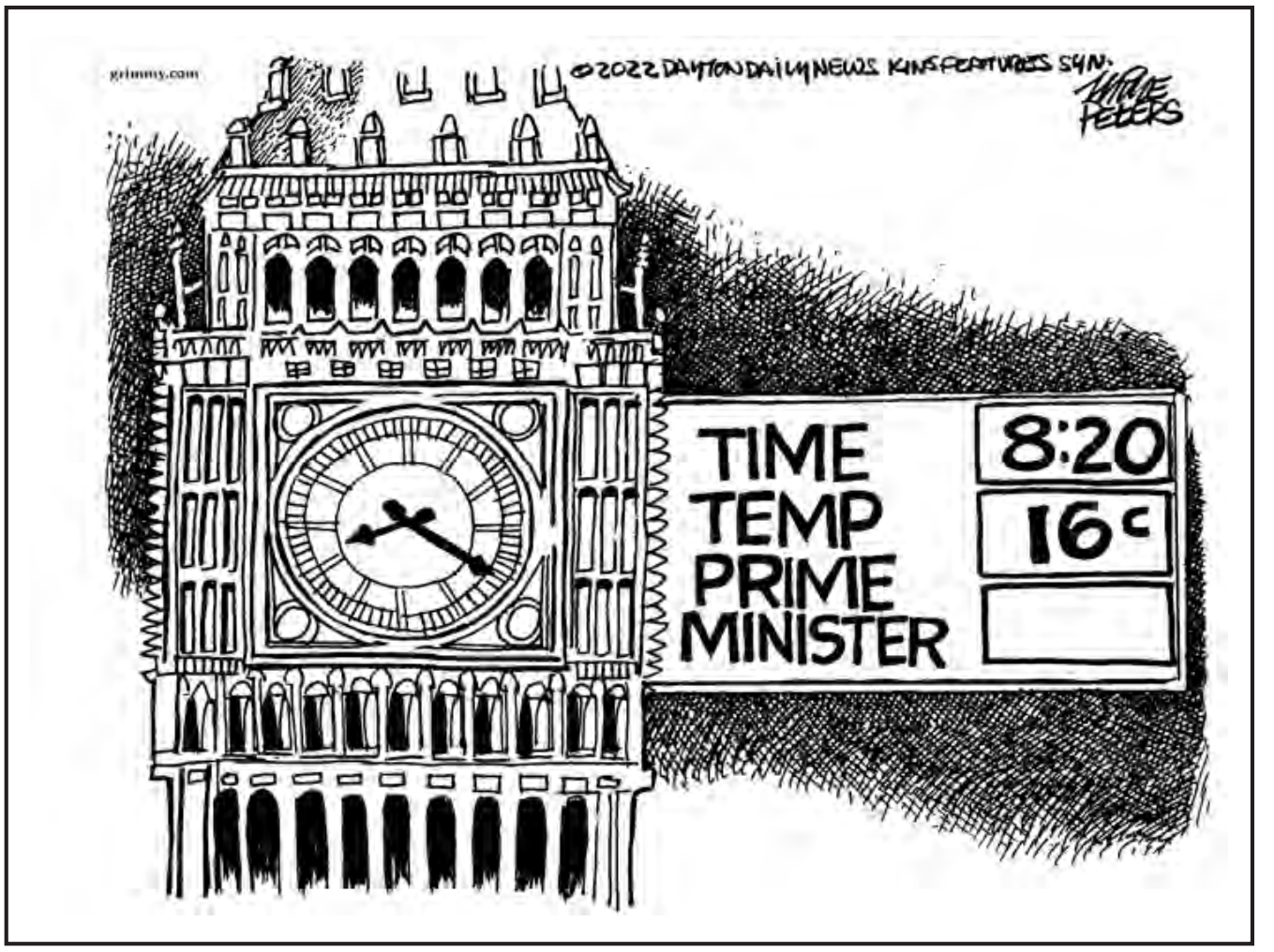

EDITORIAL

America must meet its obligation to those suffering 9/11 health ailments

Even though special master Ken Feinberg, who was in charge of the first federal Sept. 11 Victim Compensation Fund, distributed $6 billion to the estates of those killed on 9/11—an average of more than $2 million to the nearly 3,000 victims—the House of Representatives passed its new Fairness for 9/11 Families Act to allow additional claims for the deaths inflicted by the terrorists and set aside $2.7 billion for them.

But these politicians so eager to stand by the fallen victims of 9/11 and their families—the House roll call was 400 to 31 in their final vote before breaking for the fall elections—are derelict in their obligation to the much larger group of still-living survivors and first responders from the World Trade Center whose health was permanently damaged by the toxins at ground zero and now are suffering grievous, often fatal, medical maladies from cancer to pulmonary ailments.

The CDC's World Trade Center Health Program, which is monitoring and treating 118,000 people from heroic firefighters and cops to everyday folks caught in the poisonous cloud, is in need of $3 billion soon, lest health care has to be rationed. So why the rush for solidarity with a subset of 9/11 victims, whose immediate families have already been compensated for their terrible loss, while failing to properly fund the ongoing vital lifesaving treatment for many other victims who are still suffering from the attack's aftermath?

The original Feinberg fund, which closed in 2004, was geared to making payments to spouses and dependents—so we don't object to the goal of the new bill, which would permit parents and siblings to make claims, but why has Congress addressed this before answering the aching needs of the far larger group of ailing responders and survivors?

Over and over again, legislators from both parties insist the WTC Health Program will be made whole. But the calendar is advancing and the shortfall is looming. The living victims of 9/11 must not be forgotten.

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The West has failed—North Korea is a nuclear state

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The world might not want to hear it, but Kim Jong Un might be right.

"There will never be such a thing as our abandonment of the nuclear weapons or denuclearization," Kim declared last month. "The position of our state as a nuclear nation has become irreversible."

Decades of pursuing the "denuclearization" of the Korean peninsula has failed. After North Korea last month declared itself a nuclear weapons state, it's time for the U.S. and its allies to accept this reality—and learn to live with it. That's the first step to reducing the risk of accidental confrontation that could lead to all-out nuclear war.

The idea is reaching the mainstream. Jeffrey Lewis, a leading nuclear weapons expert, has called on Washington to "contemplate the unthinkable" and accept North Korea's nuclear statehood, citing the increasing risks of a flashpoint as South Korea and Japan talk up first-strike capability.

Washington should think "about the return we're seeing on our stubborn continued insistence on denuclearization as the desired near-term end-state," agrees Ankit Panda, a senior fellow in the nuclear policy program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. "We have a far more acute interest on the Korean peninsula, which is averting the use of nuclear weapons by North Korea."

A rethink is needed. For one thing, the U.S. administration has already shown an admirable willingness to abandon the failed policies of previous administrations. From ending the war in Afghanistan, casting off decades of naive Democratic party China policy or de-escalating the War on Drugs with a reform of cannabis policy, President Joe Biden has discarded ideas he previously promoted.

And to describe the goal of denuclearization of the Korean peninsula as a bust would be generous. Beyond condemning millions to poverty after 30 years, the U.S. has little to show for its punishing economic sanctions. Pyongyang has built itself a formidable arsenal: enough fissile material for dozens of nuclear bombs, and a demonstrated capacity for its missiles to hit U.S. bases in Guam or the American mainland itself. More nuclear tests are feared soon, which would be the first in five years. Kim said last month he won't budge even after 100 years of sanctions.

Absent a very dangerous policy of regime change, Kim is going to remain in charge, and in any event doesn't have a way to climb down from nuclear weapons. The window for military action against North Korea closed during the Clinton administration, when the U.S. considered a preemptive strike. It chose negotiation instead, which Pyongyang used as cover to speed development of its nuclear and missile programs.

North Korea's new nuclear doctrine, unveiled in September, has further upped the ante, pledging automatic nuclear strikes on its enemies if its command-and-control leadership is threatened. Such a doctrine is a "logical reaction" to South Korea talking up its ability to deal a fatal blow to the North's leadership, Panda says.

Indeed, far from the stereotype of the crazy North Korean leader, Kim is being perfectly logical in seeking to keep his regime in one piece. Russia's invasion of Ukraine has put that in stark relief. Ukraine famously agreed to give up the nuclear weapons on its territory (though they were not under its control) after the fall of the Soviet Union, in exchange for security guarantees from the U.S., U.K. and Russia. Time has shown how valuable those assurances were. Iraq's Saddam Hussein and Libya's Moammar Gadhafi are other examples of leaders who abandoned their nuclear pursuits, only to meet gruesome ends.

Kim could not be sure of any guarantee that Washington might give in return for denuclearization—especially when it's U.S. policy that has been most inconsistent. Flipping between dovish Democratic and hawkish Republican positions on Pyongyang (or in the case of Donald Trump's administration, between "fire and fury" and love letters in the space of a few years) has resulted in head-snappingly inconsistent carrot-and-stick approaches.

Meanwhile, through a cycle of bait-and-switch negotiations and threats, Kim has managed to keep the U.S. and South Korea distracted enough to complete his nuclear state. He's on his fourth South Korean leader and third American president. He's less than half Biden's age; time is on his side, assuming he can avoid the heart problems that felled his father and grandfather.

Of course, there are significant risks. Pyongyang has proven not to be a trustworthy negotiating partner. Being seen to reward its obstinacy might embolden rogue regimes elsewhere. Even a tacit acceptance of North Korea's position could also lead to another bout of proliferation. The South Korean public is already roundly in favor of also possessing nuclear weapons. Japan is understandably far more opposed but how might it react surrounded by four nuclear-armed states?

But doggedly pursuing a failed policy that has only become more unrealistic over the years isn't getting the U.S. and its allies anywhere—and the risk of accidental confrontation is only running higher.

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Delaying your Social Security has rarely been this profitable

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It's no secret that delaying the start of Social Security benefits typically means you'll get more money in retirement. And waiting just got even more worthwhile thanks to the program's big cost-of-living adjustment set for next year.

Here's why: Even if you don't collect benefits, the COLA adjustment—8.7% for 2023—still gets factored into the amount you're eligible to receive starting at age 62. And it gets compounded, so each year you hold off on collecting to full retirement age (somewhere between 66 and 67 depending on when you were born) or beyond will make your eventual payout even juicier. The benefit increase stops when you reach age 70.

"COLAs magnify the disparity between early and late claiming," Elaine Floyd, a certified financial planner and author of Savvy Social Security Planning for Boomers, wrote in 2013 when the COLA was just 1.5%. "We can assume that all Social Security recipients celebrate when a generous COLA is announced. But some recipients celebrate more than others."

Figuring out how to maximize Social Security is vital considering it's a benefit that lasts for the duration of a recipient's life and is adjusted for inflation. The same can't be said for most, if any, other sources of income. About half of Americans 65 or older rely on Social Security for at least 50% of their household income. (For about a quarter of those 65 and over, it's at least 90% of their income.)

To understand how much a retiree stands to gain from waiting, it's helpful to lay out how benefits are calculated. The Social Security Administration takes into account a worker's highest-earning 35 years and adjusts those amounts for inflation. That provides a starting point for what an average monthly payout may be.

Next, a formula is applied to calculate what the benefit would be if collected at full retirement age. If someone starts collecting as soon as she's eligible at 62, she could see a reduction of as much as 30% in what's known as the primary insurance amount.

Any COLA adjustment gets added onto that primary insurance amount each year and compounds. And every month beyond the full retirement age up until 70 a retiree waits to collect translates to an additional credit applied to that higher primary insurance amount.

Let's say a 64-year-old retiree is eligible for a primary insurance amount of $3,000 per month at full retirement age. If she didn't collect last year, when the COLA was 5.9%, her benefits would have been adjusted to $3,177. The amount will get bumped up to $3,453 next year (with the latest COLA increase being applied to the higher inflation-adjusted amount). COLAs keep getting added the more years she waits; any delayed credits for not collecting benefits from full retirement age until age 70 are then applied on top of that amount. If she delays her benefits until age 70, then her monthly benefit (excluding any COLAs beyond next year) will be $4,374.

The other benefit of delaying Social Security, especially with a bigger COLA, is the tax savings. Yes, many recipients have to pay taxes on Social Security income. And those who have other sources of retirement income, like 401(k) or IRA accounts, may see as much as 85% of their Social Security benefits subject to taxes. But holding off on collecting benefits and ultimately getting a bigger lifetime payout means those retirees won't have to tap their personal accounts for as much money; in turn, the taxable portion of Social Security benefits drops.

In an example from Bill Reichenstein, head of research at Social Security Solutions, a retiree who delays claiming until 70 can cut the taxable portion of her Social Security benefits from 85% to just 19.5%—and see a tax bill of less than one-fifth of what it would be if she began collecting at age 66.

Still, there are some people for whom delaying benefits won't make sense, despite a heftier payout and lower tax bill. Those who have a terminal illness or shorter life expectancy may want to collect what they can as soon as they can (unless they're married and concerned about a spouse's benefits).

Also, consider the breakeven—the age a retiree has to achieve to make delaying benefits worthwhile. Typically, you have to live to 82.5 to reap the benefits of holding off until age 70, according to Reichenstein. Those who die before then would have been better off taking benefits at full retirement age. It's an awkward and difficult calculation to make though, and really, who knows?

Others may argue that Social Security is on shaky footing and thus, not collecting benefits as soon as possible is foolish. Sure, the latest projections say the trust fund won't be able to pay full benefits starting in 2035, but if the past is any guide, any changes to shore up finances would likely focus on changing rules for younger people with years left to work, rather than soon-to-be retirees on the cusp of receiving benefits.

So if you're in your sixties and able to wait, just bide your time.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Remembering and giving thanks to our partners

I wish to take this moment to again remember our partners that stayed with us from the beginning to the end, and frankly to this day, in our effort to get ourselves back on our feet after Super Typhoon Yutu bashed our islands on Oct.24 -25, 2018. I will never forget our partners that came to our aid and we should forever be grateful for their generosity, kindness, patience, and financial support.

To the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Guam National Guard, the Army Reserves, the Good Samaritan, the Small Business Administration, the U.S. military, CNMI Red Cross, all the businesses, both local and abroad, and all of local agency employees, si yuus maase, ghilisow, and thank you for being with us and staying with us in our greatest time of need.

Without financial aid and technical support from the federal government, our cleanup and recovery efforts would not have been as quick and efficient. Our federal partners came in equipped with expertise in handling and managing disaster cleanup and recovery work, and our islands saw hope and relief. Today, we breathe easier and enjoy our daily lives like the days of pre-disaster years.

The aid we received from the federal government made it possible for us to say with lots of confidence that "We are a resilient people." We are resilient because the millions of dollars in financial aid the federal government sent our way made it possible for us to pay for all the cleanup, disposal, and replacement of damaged properties and infrastructure, and distributed provisions to thousands of island residents.

We always remember and give thanks to our federal partners.

David M. Apatang
Mayor, Municipality of Saipan

College crisis: Male students are struggling emotionally. Here's how to help

By ANDREW REINER
The Baltimore Sun

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There's been a lot of discussion about the dearth of American males attending college, but little, if anything, has been said about another crisis among young males—their struggles to remain buoyant, let alone succeed, once they're in college.

I've witnessed this firsthand. As happened last semester, and semesters before that, many of my male college students, especially Black males, are falling through the cracks. Male students are showing up to in-person—and even Zoom—class meetings less frequently, and they're struggling to complete assignments.

This jibes with what little research exists: The August 2022 report PDP Insights, sponsored by the National Student Clearinghouse, found that freshmen women in both community college and four-year institutions complete more courses attempted than male peers. It also found that male students of color attempt and earn the equivalent of "one course worth of credits less than their Asian and white and female peers in their first year alone."

Here are more of the puzzle pieces: Yes, males still predominate in STEM majors, but female classmates outperform them with grades and overall GPA. In fact, the lower grade-point averages boys earn in high school stays with them throughout college. And from at least fourth grade through high school, boys read at a 10 point deficit, minimally, from girls, which hounds them into college, where literacy is a defining factor in success.

Despite how pervasive this problem is, the metrics are barely catching up with this trend. A Senior Research Analyst at a two-year college in Maryland who has observed this falling off among male students told me that "higher-ed folks are just getting around to honestly addressing gender disparities." He said that this awareness is mostly among analysts like himself.

An uncomfortable truth is that some colleges and universities are not as male-friendly as they would like to believe. Anecdotal evidence abounds of male students feeling disconnected from college classrooms and cultures. Recently, I gave a talk at a two-year college about how males' academic and mental health struggles, as well as the alienation they feel, are impacting their academic performance. I was met with this: "Men have had the spotlight for far too long," one self-described gender studies professor boomed to round applause. "Why are we putting it on them yet again?"

It's a question that needs to be addressed if schools want to not just keep male students enrolled but actually help them. And they need help: Recent research conducted by the American College Health Association found that, among other things, nearly half of male college students surveyed felt that "things were hopeless"; 56% felt "very lonely"; 59% often felt sad; nearly 35% experienced depression that made it difficult to function; and nearly 50% experienced overwhelming anxiety. Forty-three percent of them confessed that academics was the most "traumatic" and "difficult" thing for them to navigate.

A 2017 small-sample study brought to light another problem universities need to address: Males who embrace a traditional masculine identity have lower GPAs and can resort to "behaviors that preserve their masculine image, such as social isolation and substance abuse, instead of asking for help." This is crucial: The male students in this study feared appearing "weak" by seeking help, which further eroded their "resilience" to bounce back from academic struggles. Then there was this: "Official warnings from an instructor or the university, designed to alert and intervene, may push male students into despair and increased deceleration toward goals."

If colleges, whose counseling centers are taxed, are going to truly address this—if they are truly invested in male students—then they need to find new ways to better serve students' emotional and mental health needs. At the student level, this can start with mentored, peer-driven support groups for young men. At the administrative level, academic advisors can lead with empathy, support and curiosity ("Why do you think you're struggling?"), which will encourage collaboration.

The real emotions beneath struggles aren't just the problem for males and education. They are the solution.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny	Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy	Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy	A chance of showers. Cloudy	Mostly sunny
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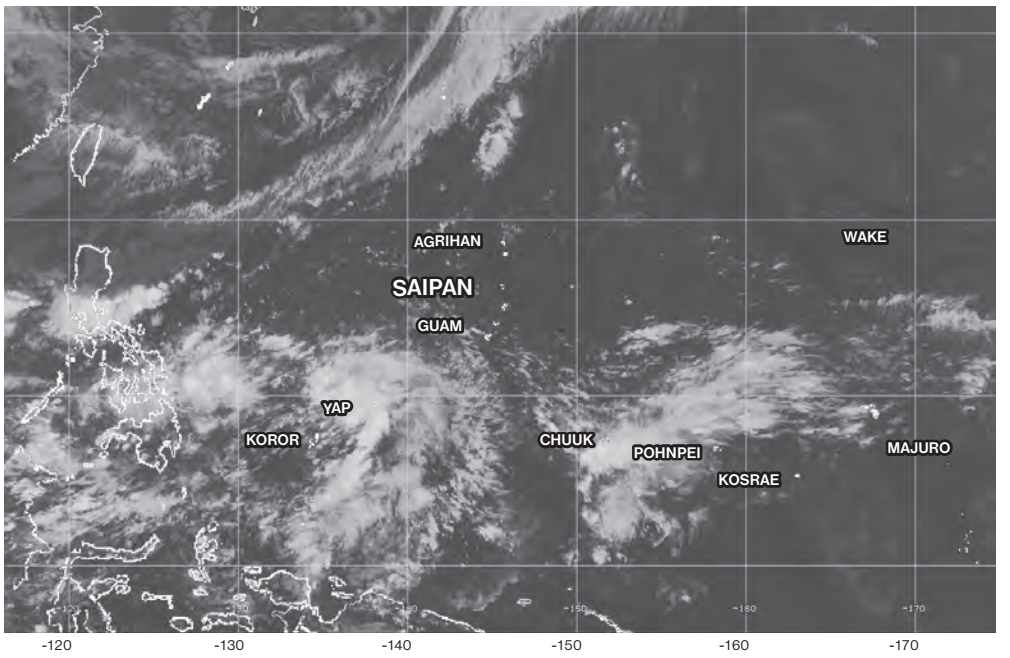

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Guam Doppler weather radar shows isolated showers moving through the Marianas Waters. The showers are gradually increasing, however this trend is expected to reverse now that we`re past the diurnal maximum. The buoys reveal combined seas of 4 to 6 feet which are composed of a mixed swell from the north and from the east-northeast.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA	▲ ▼ °F	
Guam and Rota	Scattered Thunderstorms	87° / 79°
Palau	Thunderstorms	82° / 75°
Yap	Partly Cloudy	85° / 79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	87° / 77°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	84° / 79°

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:11 AM	5:50 PM
Thursday	6:11 AM	5:50 PM
Friday	6:11 AM	5:49 PM
Saturday	6:11 AM	5:49 PM
Sunday	6:12 AM	5:48 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	6:37 AM	6:27 PM	-
Thursday	7:36 AM	7:14 PM	-
Friday	8:38 AM	8:08 PM	-
Saturday	9:43 AM	9:07 PM	-
Sunday	10:47 AM	10:10 PM	-

AROUND THE GLOBE	▲ ▼ °F	
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	65° / 54°
Beijing	Mostly Cloudy	65° / 50°
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	78° / 73°
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	85° / 75°
London	Showers	66° / 57°
Los Angeles	Sunny	77° / 56°
Manila	Mostly Cloudy	92° / 75°
Melbourne	Showers	68° / 58°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	84° / 70°
New York	Showers	68° / 63°
Osaka	Sunny	70° / 50°
Paris	Mostly Sunny	71° / 59°
Busan	Partly Cloudy	70° / 57°
Rome	Partly Cloudy	78° / 56°
Salem	Mostly Cloudy	80° / 51°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	64° / 51°
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	66° / 44°
Tokyo	Sunny	64° / 47°
Washington, DC	Cloudy	71° / 57°

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY	FEET	
1:55 AM	Low Tide	-0.06
8:20 AM	High Tide	1.86
2:07 PM	Low Tide	0.77
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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	9:50AM	10:30AM	Daily
UA156	6:30PM	7:15PM	6

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

PR 111	6:00AM	8:00AM	Daily
UA193	7:05PM	10:55PM	5 via Palau
UA183	7:20PM	9:10PM	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	9:50AM	9:10PM	Daily via Guam
UA117/193	9:50AM	10:55PM	5 via Guam, Palau
OZ624/701	4:00PM	11:05AM+1	3,6 via Incheon

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

TW308	3:30PM	7:20PM	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3405	3:30PM	7:25PM	6
7C3405	3:50PM	7:45PM	3, 4, 7
OZ624	4:00PM	7:40PM	3, 6

SAIPAN-NARITA

UA824	7:00AM	9:30AM	1, 3, 5

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:00PM	6:35PM	3, 7

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	8:00AM	8:45AM	Daily
UA112	4:40PM	5:30PM	6

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

PR110	10:00PM	4:00AM+1	Daily
UA184	10:25PM	4:25AM+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA192	10:25PM	6:15AM+1	5 via Palau
UA184	11:50PM	5:40AM+1	5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA184/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	1,2,3, 4, 6,7 via Guam
UA192/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Palau, Guam
UA192/112	10:25PM	5:30pm+1	5 via Palau, Guam
UA184/174	11:50PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Guam
UA184/112	11:50PM	5:30pm+1	5 via Guam
OZ704/623	11:55PM	2:30PM+1	2,5 via Incheon

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3406	8:30AM	2:10PM	6
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OZ623	9:00AM	2:30PM	3, 6
TW307	9:00AM	2:30PM	4, 6, 7
TW307	9:15AM	2:30PM	3

NARITA-SAIPAN

UA825	9:25PM	2:00 AM+1	2, 4, 7

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:00AM	2:00PM	3, 7

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9:50 A.M.	10:05 A.M.	
4:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:35 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
10:25 A.M.	10:40 A.M.	
4:35 P.M.	4:50 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
8:10 A.M.	8:40 A.M.	
1:45 P.M.	2:15 P.M.	

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
9:00 A.M.	9:30 A.M.	
2:35 P.M.	3:05 P.M.	

SAIPAN TO GUAM

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
11:10 A.M.	12:00 P.M.	
5:15 P.M.	6:05 P.M.	

GUAM TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
12:30 P.M.	1:20 P.M.	
6:40 P.M.	7:30 P.M.	

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2022

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1301	8:30	9:00	Daily
1302	11:00	11:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
1302	12:00	12:30	Tues/Thurs/ Sat/Sun
1303	15:30	16:00	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3101	9:30	10:00	Daily
3102	13:00	13:30	Tues/Thurs/ Sat/Sun
3102	14:00	14:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
3103	16:30	17:00	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

LIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3401	12:00	12:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

GUAM TO ROTA

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4301	13:00	13:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily
1208	14:00	14:15	Daily
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	17:00	17:15	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	17:30	17:45	Daily

BOOST
Fishers
Farmers
Ranchers
PROGRAM
Fishing, farming, and ranching is an important source of food and nutritional security throughout the Marianas. For many, it is a source of income.
Such practices have been passed on from generation to generation and is an important part of our culture and indigeneity. Fishing, farming and ranching creates important ties between families and individuals, as well as strengthening ties to our environment.
The BOOST Fisher, Farmer and Rancher program is designed to promote food and nutritional security, protect and promote traditional cultural practices, as well to diversify and revitalize the economy for those engaged in commercial activity.
Priority is extended to fishers, farmers and ranchers who produce for commercial gain. Applicants who fish, farm or ranch for sustenance and/or recreational purposes shall also be considered.
Terms and conditions apply.
Tinian Cattle Rancher and BOOST Grant Recipient Roman Dela Cruz from DC Corral.

FAQs: How Do You Qualify:

Applicants must be able to provide evidence of any of the activities of the grant being requested. What types of evidence do I need to produce for any grant category?

FISHING

Provide evidence of fishing activities (video, photos, letters of reference, or other forms of testimonial).

Commercial fishers applying for BOOST funds must also provide a letter of intent, company profile, explanation of the use of funds, and a certificate of good standing.

FARMING

Provide evidence of farming activities (video, photos, letters of reference, or other forms of testimonial).

Commercial farmers applying for BOOST funds must also provide a letter of intent, company profile, explanation of the use of funds, and a certificate of good standing.

RANCHING

Provide evidence of ranching activities (video, photos, letters of reference, or other forms of testimonial).

Commercial ranchers applying for BOOST funds must also provide a letter of intent, company profile, explanation of the use of funds, and a certificate of good standing.

BOOST

For inquiries simply logon to www.boostcnmi.com

Nation

ACROSS THE NATION

2 killed in shooting at St. Louis high school; gunman dead

ST. LOUIS (AP)—An armed former student broke into a St. Louis high school Monday morning warning, "You are all going to die!" before fatally shooting a teacher and a teenage girl, and wounding seven others before police killed him in an exchange of gunfire. The attack just after 9 a.m. at Central Visual and Performing Arts High School forced students to barricade doors and huddle in classroom corners, jump from windows and run out of the building to seek safety. One terrorized girl said she was eye-to-eye with the shooter before his gun apparently jammed and she was able to run out. Speaking at a news conference Monday afternoon, police Chief Michael Sack identified the shooter as 19-year-old Orlando Harris, who graduated from the school last year. Sack said the motive was still under investigation but "there's suspicions that there may be some mental illness that he's experiencing." Investigators later searched Harris' home, Sack said. Authorities didn't name the victims, but the St. Louis Post-Dispatch identified the dead teacher as Jean Kuczka. Her daughter said her mother was killed when the gunman burst into her classroom and she moved between him and her students. "My mom loved kids," Abbey Kuczka told the newspaper. "She loved her students. I know her students looked at her like she was their mom." Sack said the other fatality was a 16-year-old female who died at the school. Seven other 15- and 16-year-old students, four boys and three girls, were all in stable condition. Four students suffered gunshot wounds or graze wounds, two suffered bruises and one had a broken ankle. Sack declined to say how Harris was able to get into the building, which has security guards, locked doors and metal detectors.

More questioning sought of Trump aide in Mar-a-Lago probe

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Justice Department is seeking to again question an associate of Donald Trump who was seen on security camera footage moving boxes of classified records at the former president's Florida estate, according to a person familiar with the matter. Walt Nauta has already been interviewed by investigators examining the potential mishandling of classified government records at Mar-a-Lago and prosecutors want to speak with him again as they try to understand how boxes came to be relocated from a storage room at the property, said the person, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity to discuss an ongoing probe. The Justice Department declined to comment. The department is investigating potential violations of multiple criminal statutes, including unlawful retention of national defense information and obstruction. It is not clear whether anyone will be charged. The obstruction aspect of the probe burst into public view in August when prosecutors in a court filing described how classified documents were "likely concealed and removed" from a Mar-a-Lago storage room in a potential effort to obstruct the investigation and impede Justice Department efforts to recover the records. The Justice Department in May issued a subpoena seeking the return of classified records taken from the White House to Mar-a-Lago after Trump's term had ended. Law enforcement officials visited on June 3 to collect the records, and were given an envelope containing 38 documents with classification markings. They also instructed the Trump legal team to preserve the boxes of classified records in the storage room until further notice.

Walker's chicken firm tied to benefits from unpaid labor

ATLANTA (AP) — As Herschel Walker campaigns for the U.S. Senate, he calls for society to help the downtrodden the way he says others helped him overcome mental health struggles. That includes those in the criminal justice system. "If someone comes out of prison, they should have incentives set up that the person has learned a trade, and you give an incentive for a company to hire him so he can make a living for himself," Walker said Aug. 17 in Kennesaw, Georgia. Touting his own success, Walker added that it's his "responsibility now to help." Yet federal court records reviewed by The Associated Press suggest Walker's food distributorship has gotten a boost, through a firm he touts as a principal partner and supplier, from the unpaid labor of drug offenders routed to a residential rehabilitation program in lieu of prison. Lawyers for participants in the program, an Oklahoma-based outfit named "Christian Alcoholics & Addicts In Recovery," decried it in court as a "work camp" that profits from a "vulnerable workforce under the guise of ... rehabilitation services." It's not possible to quantify financial gains Walker might have gleaned from undervalued labor. But links among his Renaissance Man Food Services, the processing giant Simmons Foods Inc., and the CAAIR program provide at least some contrast to Walker's campaign pitch. Walker is trying to unseat Sen. Raphael Warnock, a Democrat, in one of the nation's marquee midterm elections. Their matchup could determine control of the Senate.

Most in US want more action on climate change: AP-NORC poll

WASHINGTON (AP)—Nearly two-thirds of Americans think the federal government is not doing enough to fight climate change, according to a new poll that shows limited public awareness about a sweeping new law that commits the U.S. to its largest ever investment to combat global warming. Democrats in Congress approved the Inflation Reduction Act in August, handing President Joe Biden a hard-fought triumph on priorities that his party hopes will bolster prospects for keeping their House and Senate majorities in November's elections. Biden and Democratic lawmakers have touted the new law as a milestone achievement leading into the midterm elections, and environmental groups have spent millions to boost the measure in battleground states. Yet the poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research finds that 61% of U.S. adults say they know little to nothing about it. While the law was widely heralded as the largest investment in climate spending in history, 49% of Americans say it won't make much of a difference on climate change, 33% say it will help and 14% think it will do more to hurt it. The measure, which passed without a single Republican vote in either chamber, offers nearly $375 billion in incentives to accelerate expansion of clean energy such as wind and solar power, speeding the transition away from fossil fuels such as oil, coal and natural gas that largely cause climate change.

World

UK's next PM Sunak faces major economic problems

Sunak

LONDON (AP)— Former Treasury chief Rishi Sunak is set to become Britain's first prime minister of color after being chosen Monday to lead a governing Conservative Party desperate for a safe pair of hands to guide the country through economic and political turbulence.

The challenges facing the U.K.'s third prime minister this year are enormous: He must try to shore up an economy sliding toward recession and reeling after his predecessor's brief, disastrous experiment in libertarian economics, while also attempting to unite a demoralized and divided party that trails far behind the opposition in opinion polls.

In his first public statement, Sunak said "the United Kingdom is a great country, but there is no doubt we face a profound economic challenge."

"We now need stability and unity, and I will make it my utmost priority to bring our party and our country together," said Sunak, who at 42 is Britain's youngest prime minister in 200 years.

Sunak will be the first British prime minister with South Asian roots and its first Hindu leader —a milestone for a country with an extensive colonial past, and one that is still contested.

Elected party leader on the major Hindu festival of Diwali, Sunak takes over from Liz Truss, who quit last week after 45 tumultuous days in office. His only remaining rival, Penny Mordaunt, conceded and withdrew after failing to reach the nomination threshold of 100 Conservative lawmakers needed to stay in the race.

Sunak will now be asked by King Charles III to form a government and becomes the prime minister in a handover of power from Truss on Tuesday.

Victory is vindication for Sunak, who lost out to Truss in the Conservative election to replace former Prime Minister Boris Johnson over the summer when party members chose her tax-cutting boosterism over his warnings that inflation must be tamed.

Truss conceded last week that she could not deliver on her plans — but only after her attempts triggered market chaos and worsened inflation at a time when millions of Britons were already struggling with soaring borrowing costs and rising energy and food prices.

The party is now desperate for someone to right the ship after months of chaos — both during Truss' short term and at the end of Johnson's.

As finance minister, Sunak steered the economy through the coronavirus pandemic, winning praise for his financial support for laid-off workers and shuttered businesses.

He now faces the huge challenge of calming markets and trying to tame inflation at a time of weakened government finances, a worsening economic outlook and a wave of strikes. Treasury chief Jeremy Hunt, appointed by Truss 10 days ago, is due to make an emergency budget statement Oct. 31 — if Sunak keeps him in the job.

Britain also faces broader economic problems stemming from the pandemic, the war in Ukraine and the country's exit from the European Union in 2020. Sunak was a firm supporter of Brexit.

Sunak was cheered wildly by Conservative lawmakers during a packed private meeting in Parliament minutes after he won the contest on Monday.

Ukraine cites success in shooting down drones; repairs power sites

KYIV, Ukraine (AP)— Ukrainian authorities tried to dampen public fears over Russia's use of Iranian drones by claiming increasing success Monday in shooting them down, while the Kremlin's talk of a possible "dirty bomb" attack added another worrying dimension as the war enters its ninth month.

Ukrainians are bracing for less electric power this winter following a sustained Russian barrage on their infrastructure in recent weeks. Citizens in the southern Ukrainian city of Mykolaiv lined up for water and essential supplies Monday as Ukrainian forces advanced on the nearby Russian-occupied city of Kherson.

Ukraine's forces have shot down more than two-thirds of the approximately 330 Shahed drones that Russia has fired through Saturday, the head of Ukraine's intelligence service, Kyrylo Budanov, said Monday. Budanov said Russia's military had ordered about 1,700 drones of different types and is rolling out a second batch of about 300 Shaheds.

"Terror with the use of 'Shaheds' can actually last for a long time," he was quoted as saying in the Ukrainska Pravda newspaper, adding: "Air defense is basically coping, 70% are shot down."

Both Russia and Iran deny that Iranian-built drones have been used but the triangle-shaped Shahed-136s have rained down on civilians in Kyiv and elsewhere.

"First of all, we have to be able to counter the drones," U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Monday at a press conference in Zagreb with Croatia's leader. "It is a dangerous technology and it must be stopped."

Britain's Ministry of Defense said Russia was likely to use a large number of drones to try to penetrate the "increasingly effective Ukrainian air defenses" — to substitute for Russian-made long-range precision weapons "which are becoming increasingly scarce."

That assessment came on top of a stark warning by Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu to his British, French, Turkish and U.S. counterparts over the weekend that Ukrainian forces were preparing a "provocation" involving a radioactive device—a so-called dirty bomb. Britain, France, and the United States rejected that claim as "transparently false."

A dirty bomb uses explosives to scatter radioactive waste in an effort to sow terror. Such weapons don't have the devastating destruction of a nuclear explosion, but could expose broad areas to radioactive contamination.

Russian authorities on Monday doubled down on Shoigu's warning.

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NOTICE TO EMPLOYERS

In accordance with Employment Rules and Regulations of the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC), the CNMI Department of Labor (CNMI DOL) mandates compliance of the following for all eligible private sector employers. Failure or refusal to comply is cause for CNMI DOL to issue a Notice of Violation to the employer which may result in fines and other sanctions following a due process hearing in the Administrative Hearing Office.

1. Post Job Vacancy Announcement (JVA) on the CNMI DOL website
An employer who intends to employ a foreign national worker, transitional worker, or nonimmigrant alien on a full-time basis (under any new employment arrangement, any renewal of any existing employment arrangement, or any transfer) must post a Job Vacancy Announcement (JVA) on the CNMI DOL website at www.marianaslabor.net. NMIAC § 80-20.1-225(a). No waiver is available for the job vacancy announcement requirement. NMIAC § 80-20.1-225(e).

2. Submit Total Workforce Listing
Each business employer ***shall report quarterly***, as of the last day of the calendar quarter, ***the number of employees, job classification, and the hourly wage*** of employees for whom wages were paid during the quarter. NMIAC § 80-20.1-505(b) (emphasis added). The Department requires employers to present this information in a document called "Total Workforce Listing," via email: documents@marianaslabor.net (Excel format).

The Total Workforce Listing is due each quarter:
1st Quarter (January – March) ..... due on April 30
2nd Quarter (April – June) ..... due on July 31
3rd Quarter (July – September) ..... due on October 31
4th Quarter (October - December) ..... due on January 31

Attention: The Total Workforce Listing for the 3rd Quarter of 2022 is due on or before October 31, 2022. Online submissions may be emailed to documents@marianaslabor.net (in Excel format) or delivered to the DOL Administrative Services Office, Building #1356, Capitol Hill, or faxed to (670) 664-3197. Online submissions are preferable.

3. Adhere to Workforce Participation Minimum Percentage requirement
Any employer, unless exempt, who employs workers on a full-time basis must certify that 30% or more of its full-time employees are U.S. citizens, U.S. permanent residents, and/or CNMI permanent residents. 3 CMC § 4525 and NMIAC § 80-20.1-210(c)(3). Failure to maintain a minimum percentage of 30% will result in a Notice of Violation filed against the employer.

4. Submit new or updated Workforce Plan
All employers who employ nonimmigrant alien workers, unless exempt, must submit a new or updated Workforce Plan every twelve months. NMIAC § 80-20.1-510(c). A workforce plan shall identify specific positions currently occupied by a foreign national worker and timetable for accomplishing the replacement of the foreign national worker with qualified U.S. citizens, CNMI permanent residents, and U.S. permanent residents until the workforce participation objective is met. NMIAC § 80-20.1-510(b). *The Workforce Plan form is available on the CNMI DOL website under Forms & Publications at www.marianaslabor.net.*

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR EMPLOYERS WITH MULTI-ISLAND JOB SITES
An employer with multiple island job sites in any of the Mariana Islands must submit a separate report for each island. For example, if an organization employs workers for job sites in Saipan and Tinian then the employer must file two separate quarterly compliance reports (one for Saipan and another for Tinian).

- Rota employers must email the Total Workforce Listing and Workforce Plan to documents@marianaslabor.net ***and*** dolrota@gmail.com OR delivered to Rota DOL Field Office at Old Rota High School Campus, Liyo Village.
- Tinian employers must email the Total Workforce Listing and Workforce Plan to documents@marianaslabor.net ***and*** tinianlabordepartment@gmail.com OR delivered to Tinian DOL Field Office at Edu's Plaza, 1st Floor, San Jose Village.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL EMPLOYERS WHOSE OPERATIONS WERE AFFECTED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
Indicate the employment status on the Total Workforce Listing of those employees that are currently on furlough, laid off, or working reduced hours as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

For further information, please call Department of Labor at (670) 664-3196 or (670) 323-9995.

Good Housekeeping

Get cozy with earth tones

By CATHY HOBBS
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Blacks, browns, oranges, reds and even yellows are often considered to be earth tones that can help add warmth and coziness to a space. Earth tones work especially well in spaces that are overly cool or large and cavernous, as they add a welcoming feeling.

Looking for ways to infuse warmth into your home? Here are some top do's and don'ts for using earth tones.

A blend of black, brown and taupe helps create a warm and inviting living space. SCOTT GABRIEL MORRIS/TNS

Pale neutrals blend with elements of greenery in this living space. HANDOUT/TNS

DO'S

- Do blend a neutral palette of earth tones such as brown, black and taupe.
- Do use earth tones as foundation colors to serve as a blank canvas and springboard to a color story.
- Do use earth tones to add a sense of warmth and coziness to a space.
- Do add organic elements such as greenery or succulents.
- Do incorporate textiles to infuse earth tones into a space.

DON'TS

- Don't overuse the same earth tone in the same space. Use tints, tones and shades.
- Don't be afraid to black and brown together for a rich, luxurious feel.
- Don't overlook opportunities to incorporate earth tones in unexpected ways like a piece of artwork or furniture.
- Don't use earth tones in spaces that are overly dark, as they may make a space feel small and closed in.
- Don't ignore black and brown as foundation colors for other earth tones as part of an overall color scheme.

SCOTT GABRIEL MORRIS/TNS
Deep browns and neutral earth tone creams help create a warm and inviting living space.

SCOTT GABRIEL MORRIS/TNS
A foundation of a neutral, earth tone bed serves as the springboard for a blue color story.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Judiciary is seeking a highly motivated individual for the position of:

ACCOUNTANT I
Announcement # JVA23-001

DUTIES: The successful candidate will work under the general supervision of the Chief Justice and direct supervision of the Director of Courts or his/her designee on Saipan which involves work in the maintenance and examination of accounting records and procedures and in the preparation of analysis of financial reports. The incumbent is expected to perform the following duties and has the listed responsibilities:

- Maintain various ledgers, registers, journals and other records required in fiscal operations;
- Furnishes budgetary data to higher-level accountants for budget analysis;
- Prepares financial statements and reports for review by supervisor and operating personnel;
- Maintains records necessary for the determination and reporting of federal expenditures and fund balances;
- Takes trial balances and makes adjusting and closing entries;
- Verifies and analyses financial data and prepares financial statements and reports;
- Participates in the collection, compilation, classifications and evaluation of fiscal data;
- Maintains budgetary accounts and financial records for an office;
- Maintains control accounts so that the status of funds may be determined;
- Post entries to these accounts from supporting documents;
- Post and balances journals and ledgers and reconciles accounts;
- Coordinates work of the clerical staff in an office;
- Assists in preparing budget estimates by gathering pertinent information from various book of accounts;
- Assigns and reviews the work of others for accuracy and completeness
- Explains departmental procedures to other employees and the public; and
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS: Accountant I should have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must also satisfy one of the following: (1) Have an associate's degree from a nationally accredited college or university in liberal arts, public or business administration, business management, accounting, criminal justice, or other appropriate field, or (2) have two years of experience in accounting or administrative support or related work.

Must have the ability to maintain and control sensitive and confidential information, maintain records professionally, and uphold office policies. Must be proficient with the use of general office software including but not limited to Microsoft Word and Excel. Candidate must provide current police and traffic clearances and proof of eligibility to work in the CNMI. Must have a valid drivers' license and operate a court vehicle. Applicants given a conditional offer of employment with the CNMI Judiciary will be required to submit to urinalysis to screen for the illegal use of drugs prior to employment. "Illegal drug" means a substance whose use or possession is controlled by federal law but that is not being used or possessed under the supervision of a licensed health care professional. (Controlled substances are listed in Schedules I-V of 21 C.F.R. Part 1308.

Education completed in foreign colleges or universities may be used to meet the job qualification requirements if the applicant can show that foreign education is comparable to education received in accredited educational institutions in the United States.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide such evidence when applying for Judiciary jobs. Education received in foreign colleges or universities will be considered if the candidate submits an evaluation of the coursework from: (a) an accredited U.S. college or university; or (b) a private professional organization specializing in interpretation of foreign educational credentials.[1]

COMPENSATION AND TENURE: This position is under the general supervision of the Chief Justice. The salary range will be $24,000 - $26,400 annually.

INTERESTED PERSONS Application forms are available at the Judiciary Administrative Office at the Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewe/House of Justice in Susupe, or at the Superior Court offices at Kotten Tinian in Tinian and Centron Hustisia in Rota during normal business hours except on weekends and holidays. Completed applications, cover letter, and three references should be submitted to:

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This job announcement will remain open until filled and can be seen and a printable copy of the application downloaded at http://www.nmijudiciary.gov

The Judiciary reserves the right to rescind or cancel this JVA at any time without notice.

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[1] The following organizations evaluate foreign educational credentials for employment and other purposes. All operate on a fee based on the extent of the education to be evaluated; applicants shall bear the cost of evaluation.
(a) Credentials Evaluation Service P.O. Box 24679 Los Angeles, CA 90024
(b) Education Equivalency Evaluation World Education Services P.O. Box 745 Old Chelsea Station New York, NY 10011
(c) Education Credential Evaluators, Inc. P.O. Box 17499 Milwaukee, WI 53217
(d) International Consultants of Delaware, Inc. 914 Pickett Lane Newark, DE 19711
(e) Foundation for International Services, Inc. P.O. Box 230278 Portland, OR 97223.
While the Judiciary offer these addresses as information to applicants who request assistance in obtaining an evaluation of foreign education, these services are not preferred over others which may exist.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION FOR
Engineering and Design-Related Services- Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services Fire Stations 1-Susupe and 5-Kagman Roof Hardening Project
RFQ23-GOV/DFEMS-42300001

The Office of the Governor, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), through the Governor's Authorized Representative (collectively, "Commonwealth") on behalf of the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services (DFEMS), is soliciting sealed proposals for engineering and design-related services for the DFEMS Fire Stations 1-Susupe and 5- Kagman Roof Hardening Project on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

Procurement procedures shall comply with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 28, 2001, or the latest revision thereof. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor, and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the CNMI.

Selected architects and engineers will be retained as independent contractors under the general provision of the contracting officer or his designee. Architects and engineers will act as agents of the expenditure authority on assigned projects to ensure that identified objectives are achieved within cost, time, and legal requirements while maintaining effective stakeholder communications.

Interested firms may pick up the scope of work and submittal requirements at the Office of Governor, HMGP Office, Juan A. Sablan Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or request electronically Colin R. Sablan at crsablan@omb.gov.mp, beginning **October 14, 2022**, during working hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Monday through Friday, except on holidays). Submittal of all qualifications must precisely follow the requirements identified in the scope of work and submittal requirements.

There will be a pre-proposal meeting on October 27, 2022, at 10:30 a.m., at the Office of Governor, HMGP Office, Juan A. Sablan Building Capitol Hill Saipan. Questions about this project shall be addressed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia, P.E., in writing by email at esb.cip@gmail.com on or before November 7, 2022.

The selection of individuals for the provision of services shall be guided by the Commonwealth Department of Finance Division of Procurement Services, Procurement Regulations §7070-30.3-305. To qualify for the project, the firm must have a valid CNMI Business License, be currently licensed to practice engineering in the CNMI, and hold a Certificate of Authorization from the CNMI Board of Professional Licensing. Fee estimates will assist the DFEMS for budgeting purposes but will not be considered in the firm evaluation scores.

Statement of Qualification must be presented by a combination of brochures and the current U.S. Government Standard Form 330 or the latest version of Standard Forms. Only professionally licensed firms with a valid CNMI business license will be considered. Statement of Qualifications will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

1. Qualification of the personnel in the firm	30%
2. Experiences on similar projects in the Pacific Area	30%
3. Project Approach including a timeline	30%
4. Work Load	10%
5. Fee proposal	0%

Discussions shall be conducted with the top three ranked firms or with all the firms. After a selection, negotiations will be conducted with the highest qualified firm to determine the final fair and reasonable price of the contract for the work to be performed. The selected firm will be subject to a responsibility and responsiveness determination in compliance with Section 3-301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

The performance time is four (4) months upon notice to proceed.

Proposals must be sealed and marked RFQ23-GOV/DFEMS-42300001 Request for Qualification for Engineering and Design-Related Services DFEMS Fire Stations 1-Susupe and 5-Kagman Roof Hardening Project. Submittal of all qualifications must precisely follow the requirements identified in the scope of work and submittal requirements. For proposers within the CNMI, one original and two (2) copies and a USB containing the electronic copy of the qualifications statements must be submitted to the Director of Procurement Services, 1st Floor Horiguchi Building, Kopa Di Oru Street, Garapan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than 9:30 a.m. ChST, November 23, 2022. Proposers outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a notice of intent to propose. The Director of Procurement Services must receive notice of intent to propose no later than 9:30 a.m. ChST, November 23, 2022, must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via email to bidintent@dof.gov.mp. For proposers outside the CNMI, one original and two (2) copies and a USB containing the electronic copy of the qualifications statement must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than November 23, 2022. The Director of Procurement Services must receive them by December 2, 2022. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be a cause for rejection of a bid.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfections in any bid if, in its opinion, doing so would be in the best interests of the CNMI government. All proposals shall become the sole property of the CNMI government.

Patrick C. Guerrero
Governor's Authorized Representative

Francisco C. Aguon
Acting Director, Procurement Services

Life & Style

Leslie Jordan, versatile Emmy-winning actor, dies at 67

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Leslie Jordan, the actor whose wry Southern drawl and versatility made him a comedy and drama standout on TV series including "Will & Grace" and "American Horror Story," has died. The Emmy-winner, whose videos turned him into a social media star during the pandemic, was 67.

"The world is definitely a much darker place today without the love and light of Leslie Jordan. Not only was he a mega talent and joy to work with, but he provided an emotional sanctuary to the nation at one of its most difficult times," a representative for Jordan said in a statement Monday.

The native of Chattanooga, Tennessee, who won an outstanding guest actor Emmy in 2005 for his part as Beverly Leslie in "Will & Grace," had a recurring role on the Mayim Bialik comedy "Call Me Kat" and starred on the sitcom "The Cool Kids."

Jordan's other eclectic credits include "Hearts Afire," "Boston Legal," "Fantasy Island" and "The United States vs. Billie Holiday." He played various roles on the "American Horror Story" series.

Production on Fox's "Call Me Kat" was suspended following Jordan's death. He had completed work on nine episodes.

He died Monday in a single car crash in the Hollywood area, according to reports by celebrity website TMZ and the Los Angeles Times, citing unidentified law enforcement sources.

Stars of "Will & Grace" mourned his loss.

"My heart is broken," Sean Hayes tweeted. "Everyone who ever met him, loved him. There will never be anyone like him. A unique talent with an enormous, caring heart. You will be missed, my dear friend."

Jordan

"Crushed to learn about the loss of @theleslie jordan, the funniest & flirtiest southern gent I've ever known," tweeted Eric McCormack. "The joy and laughter he brought to every one of his #WillandGrace episodes was palpable."

The chief executive of GLAAD, the LGBTQ media advocacy group, lauded Jordan as a talented entertainer who "charmed audiences for decades with heartfelt characters on-screen and passionate LGBTQ advocacy off-screen."

Jordan was intent on helping to increase LGBTQ visibility in his native South and served as grand marshal for the Nashville AIDS Walk last year, Sarah Kate Ellis, GLAAD president and CEO, said in a statement.

Jordan earned an unexpected new following in 2021 when the longtime Los Angeles resident area spent time during the pandemic lockdown near family in his hometown. He broke the sameness by posting daily videos of himself on Instagram.

Many of Jordan's videos included him asking "How ya'll doin?" and some included stories about Hollywood or his childhood growing up with identical twin sisters and their "mama," as he called her. Other times he did silly bits like complete an indoor obstacle course.

"Someone called from California and said, 'Oh, honey, you've gone viral.' And I said, 'No, no, I don't have COVID. I'm just in Tennessee," said Jordan. Celebrities including Michelle Pfeiffer, Jessica Alba and Anderson Cooper, along with brands such as Reebok and Lululemon, would post comments.

Soon he became fixated with the number of views and followers he had, because there wasn't much else going on. By the time of his death, he amassed 5.8 million followers on Instagram and another 2.3 million on TikTok.

"For a while there, it was like obsessive. And I thought, 'This is ridiculous. Stop, stop, stop.' You know, it almost became, 'If it doesn't happen on Instagram, it didn't happen.' And I thought, 'You're 65, first of all. You're not some teenage girl.'"

GINSBURG STAMP U.S. POSTAL SERVICE VIA AP

This image provided by the U.S. Postal Service shows the late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. The U.S. Postal Service is honoring her as "an icon of American culture" with a stamp in the new year, seen in this rendering released by the agency on Monday, Oct. 24, 2022, in Washington, D.C.

Ye dropped by talent agency, documentary on him scrapped

NEW YORK (AP)—A completed documentary about the rapper formerly known as Kanye West has been shelved amid his recent slew of antisemitic remarks.

MRC studio executives Modi Wiczyk, Asif Satchu and Scott Tenley announced in a memo Monday: "We cannot support any content that amplifies his platform."

Ye was recently restricted from posting on Twitter and Instagram over antisemitic posts that the social networks said violated their policies. He has also suggested slavery was a choice and called the COVID-19 vaccine the "mark of the beast." Earlier this month, Ye was criticized for wearing a "White Lives Matter" T-shirt to the showing of his latest collection at Paris Fashion Week.

Wiczyk and Satchu are co-founders and co-CEOs of MRC Entertainment. Tenley is the chief business officer. Shelving the documentary comes just days after the French fashion house Balenciaga cut ties with Ye, according to Women's Wear Daily.

In their lengthy memo, Wiczyk, Satchu and Tenley reach deep into the history of antisemitism.

"Kanye is a producer and sampler of music. Last week he sampled and remixed a classic tune that has charted for over 3000 years—the lie that Jews are evil and conspire to control the world for their own gain. This song was performed acapella in the time of the Pharaohs, Babylon and Rome, went acoustic with The Spanish Inquisition and Russia's Pale of Settlement, and Hitler took the song electric. Kanye has now helped mainstream it in the modern era," they wrote.

Ye's talent agency, CAA, has dropped him as well. That news Monday and the scrapped documentary comes after UTA CEO Jeremy Zimmer condemned Ye in a companywide memo denouncing antisemitism. Ye was briefly a client but returned to CAA after a year.

Others in Hollywood, including Ye's estranged wife, Kim Kardashian, and other members of her family, have also condemned antisemitism. Demonstrators on a Los Angeles overpass Saturday unfurled a banner praising Ye.

Dad's discomfort with trans coach could derail daughter's fun

DEAR ABBY: My 9-year-old daughter, "Kennedy," plays volleyball. One of the assistant coaches is a transgender woman. I had known about the coach before Kennedy started playing. Although I'm OK with a transgender person coaching my child (I feel their gender identity is absolutely none of my business), my husband is not. He wants our daughter to quit a sport she loves so she won't be "exposed" to something he doesn't agree with. He is not transphobic, just very conservative, and he doesn't want Kennedy growing up around it.

We're trying to steer her in the right direction with our Christian beliefs, which include loving and accepting everyone. The coach doesn't broadcast the fact that she's transgender; my daughter learned about it from a teammate. There is no other volleyball team in the area. How can I convince my husband to let her stay with a sport and team she loves?

SPORTY MOM IN THE SOUTH

DEAR MOM: Actually, your husband IS transphobic and possibly homophobic as well. He may think that by forbidding Kennedy from participating in volleyball, he is protecting her. However, what he fails to understand is that children are already aware. Her friend certainly is.

As Kennedy grows older, she is going to meet many people who are "different"—different races, religions and sexual orientations. As a good Christian, she should accept and love them for who they are. She should not be punished by being forced to drop an activity she loves.

P.S. Has your husband actually MET the assistant coach? Perhaps he should approach her at a practice and introduce himself, so he can get to know her as a fellow human being.

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DEAR ABBY: I had a hard time during the COVID pandemic. I'm a stress eater but got that under control years ago. However, over the last year, I've been having issues with stress drinking. I sneak many shots of whisky or vodka. I'm lucky it has only been at midday and no driving was involved, but I have had a few blackouts.

My husband of 35-plus years (we're both retired) has no inkling I have this problem. In the past he has said he can control it, so I can, too. He feels the same about our weight. I walk four miles and work out every day and eat healthy, but I can't lose weight. He can, at the drop of a hat. I need advice.

HURTING RETIREE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR RETIREE: First it was food, now it's alcohol. If you want to conquer your compulsive behavior, it's important that you figure out what's causing the stress that's triggering it. Because your husband can control his appetites does not automatically mean that you are able to. It may take help from your doctor or a licensed therapist to conquer your tendency toward addiction. Once you quit sneaking those shots of booze on a daily basis, I suspect you will notice a marked change in your weight.

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Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing addr ess, plus check or money order for $8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

DEAR ABBY

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DIDN'T YOU HEAR THE BELL? RECESS IS OVER. IT'S TIME TO GO IN.
I'M NOT DONE YET.
IT TAKES ME MORE THAN ONE RECESS TO WEAR MYSELF INTO A STATE OF SUBMISSION.

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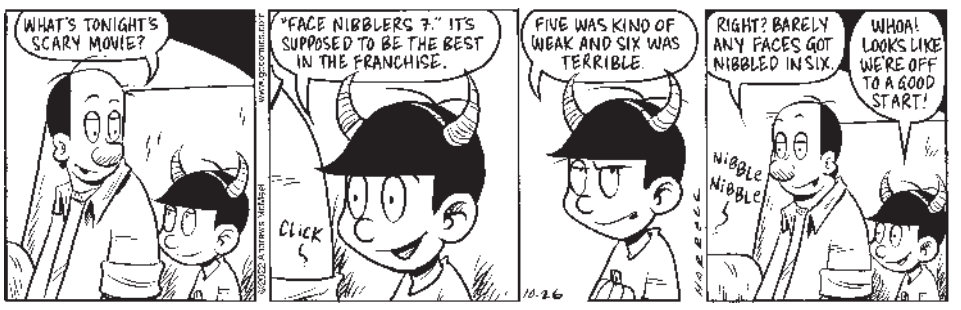
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"FACE NIBBLERS 7." IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE THE BEST IN THE FRANCHISE.
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FIVE WAS KIND OF WEAK AND SIX WAS TERRIBLE.
RIGHT? BARELY ANY FACES GOT NIBBLED IN SIX.
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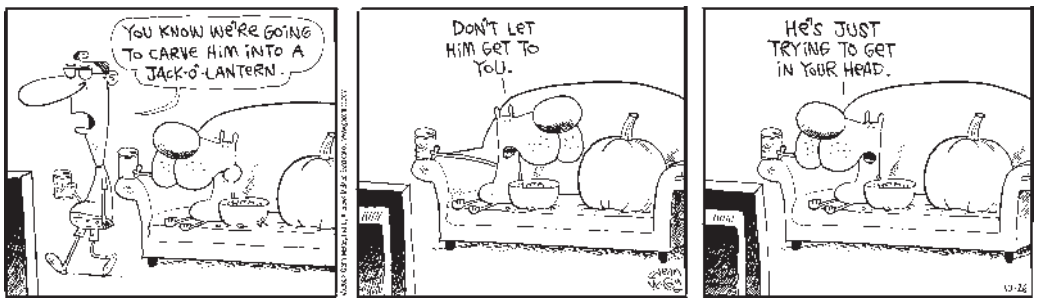
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



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By Eugene Sheffer

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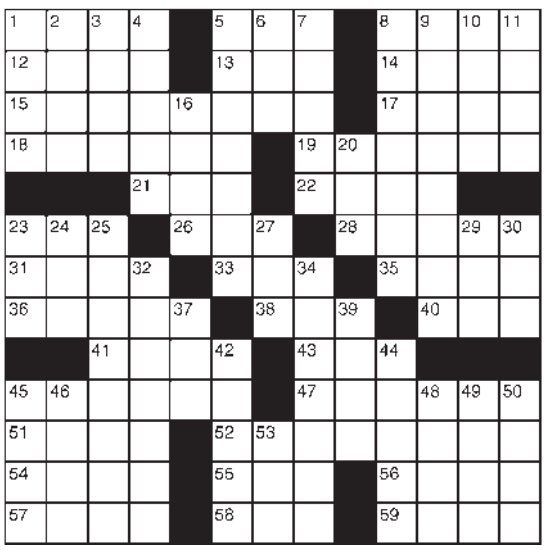
Yesterday's answer 10-26



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Folake Olowofoyeku, 39; Cary Elwes, 60; James Pickens Jr., 68; Pat Sajak, 76.

Happy Birthday: Use your imagination this year to discover what makes you happy. Explore what life offers and what you can do if you focus on what's important to you. Make home, family and financial security your top priorities, and be sure to keep documents updated. Do it for yourself and you'll have no regrets. Your numbers are 3, 8, 24, 29, 35, 46, 48.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Participate in events that matter. Use your attributes to help make a difference and set a precedent for onlookers to take note and do their part. Let your actions be your voice; positive change will unfold. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Emotions will be close to the surface. Don't let the changes made by others disrupt your plans. Focus on what matters by taking care of your responsibilities. If you love someone, let them know how you feel. Romance is in the stars. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* A steady pace forward will get your desired results. Refuse to let someone's uncertainty get in the way. Take pride in what you do, and head in a rewarding direction. Put your energy and intelligence toward making a difference. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Stretch your mind and push yourself physically; you will do something spectacular. Refuse to let anyone stifle your dreams or force you to the back of the room. Stand up and do your thing, regardless of what others do or say. ✪✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Use your intelligence to overcome any dilemma you encounter. Don't expect things to run smoothly at home. A power struggle will catch you off guard and leave you confused if you aren't quick to respond. Assess the situation and offer a sound solution. ✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* A shift is apparent. Head down the path of least resistance and see where it leads. Someone you meet along the way will impact how you think. A lifestyle change will encourage you to use your skills differently. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Learning something new or doing something novel will be enlightening. The people you connect with will give you the incentive to follow through with your plans. A financial issue will surface if you spend impulsively. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Get moving. You'll feel a lot better once you put things behind you. Stop laboring over what to do next; take a leap forward. Use your intuition to make the necessary changes and get where you want to go. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* You can dream all you want, but you'll have to face reality at some point. Clear up what isn't working for you instead of sidestepping deteriorating situations. Speak the truth and put an end to false information. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Change is within reach. Bolster your confidence, share your thoughts and plans, and act on your behalf. Spend time making your home function to suit your needs. Keep your goals simple and your life meaningful. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Slow down, take time to look over what's happening around you and choose your words carefully when you approach others regarding changes you want to make. Get your facts straight; if you try to wing it, you'll fall short. Criticism will follow. ✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Look for a unique way to help someone you love. A gift or offering will make a difference to someone in need. If you stick to sensible, simple solutions, you'll set an excellent example for others. Romance is in the stars. ✪✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are affectionate, unpredictable and driven. You are optimistic and ambitious.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/26

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesturday Answer

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

CULTURED BUTTER Solution: 10 letters

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Yesterday's Answer: Average

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76ers grab first win, Trail Blazers stay perfect

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—James Harden and the 76ers watched plenty of their bad plays on film during recent practices. The clips magnified the results on the court.

"I felt like we were 0-82," Harden said.

They don't have to worry about that now.

Harden had 29 points and 11 assists, and Joel Embiid scored 26 points to lead the Philadelphia 76ers to their first win of the season, 120-106 over the Indiana Pacers on Monday night.

The Sixers started 0-3, dropping the first two games to Eastern Conference contenders Boston and Milwaukee. Embiid dropped 40 points in a loss to San Antonio as the Sixers still joined Orlando as the only East teams at 0-3.

"We've got to continue to work, continue to build really good habits and live with the results," Harden said.

Harden made 10 of 18 shots from the floor and hit two straight 3s in the fourth that pushed the lead to 109-95.

"I'm trying to create the best shot available," Harden said.

The Sixers put the smack down on the Pacers from the jump and a little bit of something from everyone to cruise into the win column. The Sixers had six players each hit one 3-pointer in the first quarter. They made 12 of 22 shots in the second and raced to a 19-point lead. Harden and Tobias Harris combined for nine of Philadelphia's 19 3-pointers.

"We have a team that can shoot 3s, right? if you're open, shoot them," Rivers said.

Harris hit four 3s and scored 18 points.

"People don't talk about Tobias Harris enough," Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said. "He's a tremendous player."

Tyrese Haliburton led the Pacers with 19 points and 10 assists. Buddy Hield had 18 points.

The good news for Philly, the Sixers didn't need much out of Embiid. The reigning NBA scoring champion, Embiid said over the weekend his offseason were slowed by a battle of plantar fasciitis (pain under the heel and foot). Embiid said he essentially shut down all physical activity for two months headed into training camp and said he was still "trying to work my way back."

He threw down a thunderous right-handed baseline dunk late in the third that woke up a quiet crowd.

"I liked his patience," Rivers said. "This is one of those games, you haven't won a game, they were trapping him every time. He just kept moving it. There was no rush. I just liked how he approached the game."

AP

Philadelphia 76ers' Joel Embiid, left, blocks a shot by Indiana Pacers' Bennedict Mathurin during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Monday, Oct. 24, 2022, in Philadelphia.

Grizzlies 134, Nets 124

In Memphis, Tenn., Ja Morant and Desmond Bane scored 38 points each to lead the Grizzlies to a victory over the Nets.

Morant and Bane also each had seven assists each. Bane, who struggled shooting to start the season, was 14 of 21 overall and 8 of 11 from 3-point range, the eight 3-pointers a career-high. Santi Aldama scored 17 points for Memphis.

Kevin Durant and Kyrie Irving each scored 37 points for the Nets, Nic Claxton finished with 16 points.

Memphis broke open a close game with a 17-2 run early in the third quarter. Bane scored 19 in the period. Durant was able to keep the Nets close but had little help as the Grizzlies extended their lead to as many as 15. Despite Durant's 17 in the quarter, Memphis outscored the Nets 45-28 in the third.

Memphis never relinquished its lead in the fourth.

Rockets 114, Jazz 108

In Houston, Kevin Porter Jr. scored 26 points and Jalen Green added 25 to lead the previously winless Rockets to a victory over the Jazz, handing them their first loss of the season.

Utah and Portland began the day as the only undefeated teams in the Western Conference, both at 3-0. Houston entered 0-3.

The Rockets led much of the way, building a 10-point lead in the first half, but Utah tied it before Eric Gordon's layup gave Houston a 110-108 advantage with 1:23 remaining.

Rockets rookie Jabari Smith Jr., the third overall pick in this year's NBA draft, made all four of his free throws in the last 24.5 seconds to seal it. Smith finished with 21 points, nine rebounds and three blocks.

Seven players scored in double figures for the Jazz, led by Jordan Clarkson's 17 points. Lauri Markannen had 14, and Kelly Olynyk, Jarred Vanderbilt and Simone Fontecchio each added 13.

Raptors 98, Heat 90

In Miami, Fred VanVleet scored 24 points, Pascal Siakam added 23 and the Raptors rallied in the fourth quarter to beat the Heat.

Gary Trent Jr. scored 18 points, including a 3-pointer that put Toronto up by six with 22.6 seconds left. Precious Achiuwa grabbed 22 rebounds for the Raptors, the most ever by a Toronto reserve.

Toronto outscored Miami 27-14 in the fourth quarter, getting five 3's in the final 12 minutes. The Raptors outscored the Heat 42-24 from 3-point range.

Jimmy Butler scored 26 points for Miami, which got 22 points and 15 rebounds from Tyler Herro. Bam Adebayo had 14 points and Duncan Robinson added 12 for the Heat.

Trail Blazers 135, Nuggets 110

In Portland, Ore., Anfernee Simons had 29 points, including seven 3-pointers, and the Trail Blazers won their fourth straight game to start the season with a victory over the Nuggets.

Simons had 22 points and six 3s in the third quarter alone as Portland became the only 4-0 team in the NBA. Damian Lillard finished with 31 points and eight assists for the Blazers, who took over in the second half after a sluggish start. The last time they opened 4-0 was 1999.

Aaron Gordon scored 26 for the Nuggets (2-2). Nikola Jokic, who had consecutive triple-doubles in Denver's previous two games, got into foul trouble and finished with nine points, nine rebounds and nine assists.

The Nuggets, with their bigger lineup, led by 11 early. Gordon's dunk gave Denver a 53-40 advantage.

Knicks 115, Magic 102

In New York, Julius Randle had 25 points and 12 rebounds, Jalen Brunson scored 21 points and the Knicks kept No. 1 pick Paolo Banchero and the Magic winless.

RJ Barrett added 20 points for the Knicks, who have won two straight since a season-opening overtime loss in Memphis. Mitchell Robinson shot 6 for 7 and scored 14.

Banchero scored 21 points to become just the third No. 1 pick to open a career with four consecutive games of 20 or more points, but the wait continues for his first win as a pro.

Bol Bol added 19 points off the bench and Wendell Carter Jr. had 17 points and 11 rebounds.

Spurs 115, Timberwolves 106

In Minneapolis, Devin Vassell scored 23 points and Jakob Poeltl added 14 points and 14 rebounds to help the Spurs beat the Timberwolves.

The Spurs jumped out to a 20-point lead in the second quarter and expanded the lead to 35 points early in the fourth quarter before the Timberwolves rallied.

Karl Anthony Towns had 27 points and 11 rebounds for Minnesota.

Bulls 120, Celtics 102

In Chicago, DeMar DeRozan scored 25 points, Nikola Vucevic added 18 points and 23 rebounds, and the Bulls wiped out a big early deficit to beat the Celtics.

The Bulls went from trailing by 19 in the first quarter with Jayson Tatum providing an early spark for Boston to leading by 16 near the end of the half. They then went on a big run after the lead dwindled to three early in the third and handed the Celtics their first loss after a 3-0 start.

Ayo Dosunmu scored 22. Zach LaVine, playing his second game after missing the first two, added 19 points, helping the Bulls stop a two-game skid and pick up their

Fields, Bears score 23 straight points, beat Pats, 33-14

By JIMMY GOLEN
AP SPORTS WRITER

The clock was running down in the second quarter and the pocket was collapsing around Justin Fields, with one defender coming at him from the right, another circling around on his left, and a third coming straight at him.

A quick pump fake froze one of the rushers. Fields drifted left, barely eluding the outstretched arm of another, and then stutter-stepped to the right to squeeze through a hole that barely existed. And then it was a race to the sideline, picking up 20 yards on a third-and-14 and moving Chicago into field goal range.

Fields threw for 179 yards and a touchdown and ran for 82 yards and another score on Monday night, converting five third downs with his legs and five more with his arm to lead Chicago to a 33-14 victory over the New England Patriots.

"He kept the drives going," Patriots linebacker Matthew Judon said. "We would get them in third and long, and it seemed like he would just find a running lane and pick it up with his feet, or making a throw. He would just keep the chains moving. We had no answer for him."

Fields ran for a 3-yard score in the first quarter to give the Bears (3-4) a 10-0 lead. After Bailey Zappe came off the bench to replace Mac Jones and led New England to back-to-back touchdowns and a 14-10 lead, Fields hit Khalil Herbert for a 25-yard touchdown pass to start a string of 23 unanswered points.

"I'm still growing, still getting better," Fields said. "The sky's the limit for sure."

In a matchup of quarterbacks from the 2020 College Football Playoff National Championship game, Fields outperformed Jones, who led Alabama to victory over Fields' Ohio State. And Fields also outplayed Zappe, who came on after Jones was managed just two three-and-outs and an interception in his return after missing three games with a high ankle sprain.

With the damp Gillette Stadium crowd chanting "Zappe! Zappe!" the fourth-round draft pick from Western Kentucky led the Patriots to back-to-back touchdowns and a 14-10 lead. But the Bears scored the next 23 points.

"Just a poor showing, across the board, from beginning all the way to the end," New England safety Devin McCourty said. "If we give up 33 points, I don't care who plays quarterback. We're going to have a tough time winning the game."

Zappe was 5 of 6 for 109 yards and a touchdown in the first half. But in the second, he was 9 of 16 for 76 yards and two interceptions. Jones completed 3 of 6 passes for 13 yards, with one interception. Rhamondre Stevenson caught eight passes for 59 yards and ran 11 times for 39 for the Patriots (3-4).

Patriots coach Bill Belichick said the plan all along was to play both quarterbacks, and that Jones was not benched for his performance. He declined to say who would start next week against the Jets.

"He would have gone back in (but) the score got out of hand," he said. "I didn't think that was the right thing to do."

David Montgomery ran for 62 yards and Herbert did the same for Chicago, which had lost three straight games and four out of five. The Bears had also lost five straight to the Patriots and eight out of nine since beating New England in the 1986 Super Bowl 46-10.

Bears kicker Cairo Santos was 4 for 4, including a 50-yarder late in the third quarter that made it 26-14. After Zappe went three-and-out, Dante Pettis returned a punt 27 yards to the Patriots' 39-yard line; Herbert and Montgomery took it the last 26 yards to give Chicago a 33-14 lead.

Bears rookies Kyler Gordon and Jaquan Brisker had their first career interceptions.

Love 'em or hate 'em, Series-bound Astros keep on winning

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Fans watch play during the fifth inning in Game 1 of baseball's American League Championship Series between the Houston Astros and the New York Yankees, Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022, in Houston.

They're off to the World Series for a fourth time in six seasons, a remarkable feat of staying power for a franchise in any era of baseball history, let alone one that includes a 12-team playoff gauntlet filled with potential pitfalls.

Astros pitcher Lance McCullers Jr. put it succiently on Sunday night: "This is not easy."

Even so, the dichotomy that is this generation of Houston Astros will probably never go away.

They left no doubt that they're the best team in the American League this season, sweeping aside slugger Aaron Judge and the New York Yankees in four games after Sunday's 6-5 victory.

It should be a lovable group. There's pint-sized star Jose Altuve, two-time All-Star Alex Bregman, ace right-hander Justin Verlander and a slew of up-and-coming players like ALCS MVP Jeremy Peña, Yordan Alvarez and Kyle Tucker. There's also Dusty Baker, the 73-year-old manager who is still searching for his first World Series title and the oldest man to lead a team to the Fall Classic.

And yet...

The stench of the 2017 cheating scandal — when the Astros were found to have illicitly stolen signs that season — still lingers, even though 21 of the 26 players on this year's ALCS roster were not on the 2017 team.

Only Altuve, Bregman, McCullers, Verlander and Yuli Gurriel remain. The quintet has endured a firehose of hate from fans and even fellow players since the scandal was brought to light before the 2020 season. The catcalls were still heard at Yankee Stadium over the past few days, but as the Astros piled up the runs and wins, there was a hint of another emotion.

Grudging respect.

"They got better treatment here this time than in previous times here," Baker said. "So maybe it was a different crowd or maybe the crowd has finally forgiven things of the past."

That's probably wishful thinking.

But it's also probably time to admit that these Astros — trash cans or no trash cans — are simply really good at baseball.

"When everything happened a few years ago, we knew the one thing that we could do is we could win and we could win and win a lot," McCullers said. "I understand people are still not going to like us. They're going to boo us, but at some point you have to respect what we're doing."

It's a franchise that's kept rolling despite the upheaval the cheating scandal wrought. Manager A.J. Hinch and general manager Jeff Luhnow were suspended for a year by MLB and eventually fired before being replaced by Baker and James Click. Many of the best players from that 2017 team have retired or moved on to other teams.

Star outfielder George Springer left for the Blue Jays. Two-time All-Star shortstop Carlos Correa signed with the Twins. Right-handed pitcher Charlie Morton left for the Rays and is now with the Braves.

Altuve is among those who have witnessed it all. Now his team is back in the World Series: The Astros host the Phillies in Game 1 on Friday.

Those who wanted the Astros to suffer a quick, embarrassing downfall in the aftermath of 2017 continue to be disappointed.

"When you talk about Springer, Charlie Morton, Carlos Correa, you're talking about all superstars, and to get players to fill that spot it's not easy," Altuve said before Game 4 on Sunday. "The fact that we're still playing really good and being in these situations, like I said, we just have to give a lot of credit to the front office group."

In a way, the Astros saga is a fitting chapter for a sport that can never seem to completely enjoy its biggest moments.

Judge set the AL record for homers with 62 this season and the debate raged about whether he should be considered the all-time single-season record holder. Barry Bonds, Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa all hit more in the National League, but for many, their accomplishments are overshadowed by links to performance-enhancing drugs.

Now the debate will rage about the Astros.

Altuve has become a pro at deflecting vitriol. He knows some in baseball would love for them to go away.

That doesn't appear to be happening any time soon.

"I do as best as I can to keep everything away and just focus on the game and just be ready to help my team," Altuve said. "Like I said, it doesn't matter where I play, I just got to be 100% focused on the game."

Hot Harper carries Phillies into 1st World Series since 2009

PHILADELPHIA (AP)— The billionaire owner of the Philadelphia Phillies pounded his fists on Bryce Harper's chest and joked the Phillies slugger was almost underpaid at $330 million over the life of his contract.

It was absurd to put a price tag on the moment for John Middleton as he pulled in Harper for a hug while the National League championship celebration swirled around them on the field. This was a moment the duo visualized when Middleton took a jet in February 2019 to Las Vegas to court Harper in meetings and dinners that would eventually yield a 13-year, $330-million deal, the biggest in baseball history for a free agent.

So when Harper and Middleton finally embraced — once the Phillies beat San Diego 4-3 on Sunday in Game 5 of the NLCS and reached their first World Series since 2009 — yeah, the feelings were a bit more personal.

"You bet it was! Of course it was," Middleton said. "(It's) $330 million later, mutual promises of being committed to winning and doing whatever it took to win."

Harper delivered in the postseason, a place seen only in fits and spurts for a franchise that has two World Series championships in 140 years. The tater forever etched as an all-timer in team history — the one that had Middleton and Phillies fans everywhere pleading for the ball to keep going — was his game-winning, two-run homer in the eighth that lifted Philly into the World Series and left even Harper momentarily bewildered.

"Oh my gosh. I just did that," Harper said in the dugout.

Sure did.

Next stop, Houston.

The Phillies open the World Series on Friday against the Astros with more than a puncher's chance against the defending American League champions strictly because of Harper. The numbers only tell part of the tale, even as the 30-year-old designated hitter is piling up stats among the best in postseason history, all while declaring Citizens Bank Park is his house. He leads in the clubhouse, and from his Phillie Phanatic cleats and headband, to his novelty T-shirts to his shoutouts for Philly sports legends, he has embraced the fans and the pressure of playing in the city like few outsiders ever have in any sport.

"All the things we thought he was, have turned out to be true," Middleton said. "There's been no disappointments. Sometimes when you go through that process you think you understand somebody and what you really get is a little bit different. There is nothing different with Bryce. He is just committed to winning. He'll do whatever it takes. I think if I told him he had to play third base, he'd play third base."

The right fielder who bowed to Phillies fans each time he ran out to start the game was forced into a DH role in April because of a small tear in the ulnar collateral ligament of his throwing elbow. Because Harper could not throw with the injury, had the National League not adopted the DH rule this season, he might have missed a considerable chunk of time, if not the season. Remember, too: When Harper's thumb was broken by a pitch from San Diego's Blake Snell in late June, there were concerns he might not be back until next year.

The 2021 NL MVP slumped a bit late in the season as the Phillies made a run a the NL wild card. But in the playoffs against St. Louis, Atlanta and the Padres, Harper's numbers soared higher than his jersey sales. Unlike Padres slugger Manny Machado, Harper did not ask for an out in his contract, though his postseason play would have provided ample negotiation fuel.

Among his October achievements:

— Harper is hitting .419 with six doubles, five homers, 11 RBIs, 10 runs scored and a 1.351 OPS in the postseason.

— His 11 extra-base hits are most for a Phillies player in a postseason and his 10-game hitting streak matches Lenny Dykstra (1993) for the team's longest in the playoffs.

— Harper's go-ahead home run was the sixth in MLB postseason history in the eighth inning or later that gave his team the lead when trailing in a potential series-clinching game.

"As good as it gets," Phillies manger Rob Thomson said. "I mean, he's proved to me over and over and over again that there's no moment that's too big for him, and he's come through so many times. You just kind of expect it when he goes to the plate."

Harper almost does, too. With the Phillies down 3-2 and reliever Robert Suarez on the mound, Harper had a message in the dugout.

"Let's give them something to remember," Harper said.

He got the help he needed once J.T. Realmuto led off the inning with a single. Padres manager Bob Melvin elected to stay with the right-handed Suarez against the lefty Harper rather than bring in Josh Hader, the hard-throwing lefty closer.

Harper started 1-1, then fouled off three straight pitches in the rain as a sell-out crowd of 45,485 grew louder. He took ball two. Then, boom. Harper hammered a 98.9 mph sinker to left-center, and minutes later, the Phillies had won the game and the pennant. He had long ago won over Philly.

"I just looked at my dugout and kind of it's for all of them," Harper said. "It's for this whole team. It's for this whole organization. We haven't been here for a long time. It's for every single fan that's here now and that isn't here. It's for all of them no matter where you came from, who you are, you've got Phils on your chest, you're family. I really believe that. That's from right here."

Momma Charo swings way to victory vs Tokahao

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Momma Charo swung their way to victory against Tokahao, 21-14, in their men's division game of the 2022 Budweiser Belau Amateur Softball Association League last Sunday at the Dandan Softball Field.

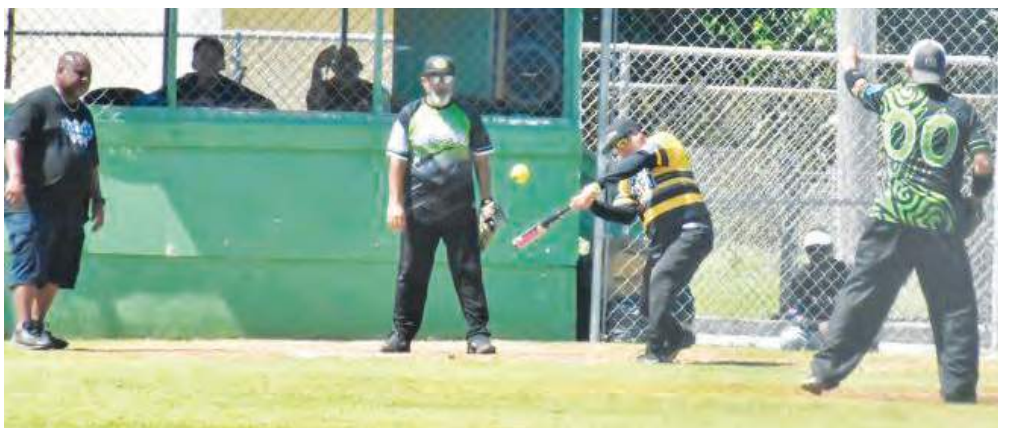
Momma Charo left no inning untouched as they scored runs in every single inning. Derek Sasamoto ignited the momentum in the first inning, which trickled down to the next batters Barry Maratita and J.J. Laniyo, with Kalle Igisomar scoring in the fourth run for a four-run lead.

Tokahao wasn't left in the dust as they put up four runs of their own right after and at the end of the second inning, they had a close one-run lead, 9-8.

However, Tokahao only had one run in the third inning and blew their lead as Momma Charo put up two and followed it up with four in the next innings. Tokahao could only watch their lead dwindle as they were shut down in the fourth and fifth inning, with the game now in Momma Charo's favor, 17-10.

Tokahao could have turned things around the last innings, but Momma Charo star pitcher Leo Bobai denied their run at a rally, with Tokahao scoring just four runs while Momma Charo's lineup added seven more for a huge lead and final score of 21-14.

With this win, Momma Charo is at 6-8 in the standings and Tokahao is at 10-4.



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A Man Amigos player hits against Tokahao in the 2022 Belau Amateur Softball Association League last Sunday at the Dandan Softball Field.

Hagu La'mun 14, Peleliu 7

Hagu La'mun doubled the score of Peleliu in their 14-7 win.

It wasn't an easy game as Hagu La'mun came up empty in the first three innings while Peleliu led by three runs.

Then things turned around as Tony Celis hit back-to-back home runs in two innings for Hagu La'mun. By the end of the sixth inning, La'mun was up 9-6 as Peleliu blew their lead.

In the last inning, Peleliu were gassed out as they could only score one more run, while Hagu La'mun added five more for the final score of 14-7.

With this win, Hagu La'mun now has a 9-5 record and Peleliu's record is 8-5.

Aimeliik 20, Salty Boys 4

Aimeliik and Salty Boys, who are both at the bottom of the standings, squared off with Aimeliik getting the better of the Boys, 20-4.

All of Salty Boys' runs came from home runs made by Chris Sablan which brought in three RBIs in the first inning and the other home run was belted by Jack Cepeda which brought in the fourth run in the fourth inning. The Boys runs sputtered and died out there with Aimeliik continuing their pelts of runs against them.

This is just the third win for Aimeliik as against 10 losses and Salty Boys have yet to win in 14 games.

Ngaraard Redmen 19, Asahi 13

The Ngaraard Redmen won against Asahi thanks to a last-inning rally, 19-13

Throughout the game, the teams were evenly matched as before the last inning, they were in a 12-12 tie.

However, Redmen fired some 11th hour shots from their artillery to bring in seven runs and win the game, 19-13, as Asahi mustered only one run.

The Redmen improved to 7-6, while Asahi fell to 8-6.

Sufa 12, Man Amigos 11

In another close match, Sufa managed to slip past erstwhile top-ranked Man Amigos, 12-11.

Three home runs from Sufa's regular hard hitters, Paul Salalila, Audie Maratita, and Jude Dickinson brought in a total of five runs. Four RBIs were brought in by Ben Mesa.

Sufa is up the leaderboard at 10-4 and Man Amigos dropped to second at 9-4.

In the women's division games, Kosebakl won over Tokahao Ladies via forfeit. The other women's division game between Hot Shots and 670 Babes was canceled due to rain.

Rotaract Club Halloween 5K Fun Run this Saturday

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To celebrate Halloween and run for a good cause, the Rotaract Club of Saipan along with Run Saipan is hosting its first ever Halloween 5K Fun Run and Halloween Costume contest this Saturday, Oct. 29, from the Garapan Fishing Base.

Registration opens at 5am and the race starts at 7am. The route starts at the Garapan Fishing Base until Quartermaster Road and back.

The registration fee is $10 and proceeds will go to the Rotaract Club of Saipan's community service projects and a portion will go to Rotary International's Polio Plus.

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Rotaract Club of Saipan along with Run Saipan will host a Halloween 5K Fun Run this Saturday, Oct. 29, starting at the Garapan Fishing Base.

Rotaract Club of Saipan president Richard Baleares said "we've always wanted to do a 5K fun run and to finally do it while celebrating the spooky season of Halloween and joining Rotary International's fight against polio makes this special to the club."

He invited people to come out and said "to everyone in the community! Please take part in the spooky season of Halloween and join the Rotaract Club of Saipan's 5K Fun Run and costume contest this Saturday at the Garapan Fishing Base! All runners will be entered into a raffle, which means everyone has a chance to win a prize! In addition, the top male and female runners will receive medals!"

"On top of that, we'll be having a costume contest for scariest, most creative, and funniest costumes, with all participants eligible having completed the 5K course. For the kids, candies will be distributed at the turnaround and at the finish line," said Baleares.

He then thanked Run Saipan president Edward Dela Cruz Jr. and the members of the running club for the assistance in making this event possible, and special shoutout to Rotaract alumni Ricky Castro for bringing up the idea of a Rotaract 5K Fun Run back in 2021.

To sign up, click the link https://raceroster.com/events/2022/65893/rotaract-club-of-saipan-inaugural-5k-fun-run

For his part, Dela Cruz said they're supporting the Rotaract Club because their organization aligns with their mission goals and objectives.

"Members of our running club are also members of Rotaract and we love them so much. Rotaract is also one of the heaviest suppliers of volunteers for our organization since we started our runs. What better way than partnering with them for their inaugural event. Richard is doing [a] fantastic job with the new generation of Rotarians," he said.

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to Purebred Jiu Jitsu Guam for allowing her to train with them before the competition; and a big thank you to [the Marianas Visitors Authority] for sponsoring her on the Guam trip," she said.

Aside from Quitugua, four other Trench Tech mainstays had solid performances in the Påtgon Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Tournament

Justo Jeremiah Quitugua won silver in the ultra heavy division for ages 11-13.

Mitchell, meanwhile, also took home the silver in his gi match in the super heavyweight division and bronze medal in his nogi match.

Pangelinan lost her junior pee wee match by arm-lock submission after dominating the first half of her match and leading 8-0 in points.

Alvarez said her opponent—a boy—rallied and caught her with 30 seconds left in the match.

Hardt fought very hard and put up a great performance against higher belts, but lost both his matches in the 16-17-year-old 164-lb category.

"He went up against green belts. Chris is a white belt. We accepted the matches because there were no other white belts to compete with," said Alvarez.

The Trench Tech owner said he was happy how the team in general represented the CNMI in the competition.

"It was an overall great experience, especially for the kids. This tournament was catered for them," he added.

Unfortunately, Alvarez said three of his wards missed making weight and were disqualified. Travilla was .8 lbs over and Leihani'Lyn Faith and Brian Anthony Reyes (brother and sister) were both over 2 lbs.

"The organizers were very strict in this aspect and wouldn't allow them to compete. Needless to say they were all heartbroken," said Alvarez.

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ended their second game against MPU Football Club in a scoreless draw once again, 0-0.

TanHoldings' Week 1 game ended in a draw against Kanoa FC, to set their record at 2 draws and no wins and losses.

MPU is at one win and one draw.

Results of the Sunday, Oct. 23 Flores-Pee Luwal (Intermediate) games in the 2022 Dove Women's League will come out in the next editions of *Saipan Tribune.*

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get together with PSS Athletic Program director Nick Gross and see if we can form an inter-scholastic baseball league…I'm gonna hopefully meet with him sooner or later and see if we can organize high school baseball teams... Because that's something missing in the sports calendar," said Santos.

Admittedly, he said baseball kind of died down after the CNMI took the gold medal in the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 back in June.

Santos, however, said the plan all along is to start the SBL season in early 2023.

"It's fine because we had expected it to be in the context of the normal season usually starting in February anyway…we have a nice baseball field now. That's a good field and we've got to figure out ways to get with the Northern Marianas Sports Association to maximize and work closely with them in the maintenance of the field."

Santos said SBL is also looking to partner with corporate sponsors to support the league.

"We're going to be reaching out to not only those that want to sponsor teams, but also sponsor the league itself…I believe in the past it was like IT&E. We had stuff like that. But we're putting those packages together now and we're hoping that we're gonna get strong sponsorship to support the league…Not only for our men's league but also for our youth leagues."

The league has been dormant the past couple of years due to Super Typhoon Yutu in 2018 and the COVID-19 pandemic that reached the CNMI's shores in early 2020.

In fact, SBL was in the middle of its best-of-five championship series pitting the Chalan Kanoa Bears and Go See Mark when the Category 5 typhoon hit the island on Oct. 25, 2018.

The Bears actually took the opener against Go See Mark, 8-5, on Oct. 22 or a few days before Yutu slammed Saipan and Tinian.

The Category 5 typhoon left the Francisco "Tan Ko" M. Palacios Baseball Field unplayable with the bleacher crumpled, the bases and ground washed out, and the lights and nets broken.

The SBL later awarded the 2018 championship to the Bears by virtue of their Game 1 win.

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Quitugua bags gold in Guam BJJ tourney

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Jacqueline Iris Quitugua takes her place in the medal podium of the Påtgon Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Tournament held last Saturday at the UOG Calvo Field House.

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Jacqueline Iris Quitugua struck gold in the peewee super heavyweight division of the Påtgon Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Tournament held last Saturday at the UOG Calvo Field House.

The 7-year-old gray belt out of Trench Tech Purebred Saipan was one of eight Trench Tech mixed martial arts practitioners who took part in the one-day tournament.

The others were white belters Gabriel Mitchel, 12; Chris Hardt, 16; Brian Anthony Reyes, 7; and Leihani'Lyn Faith Kukku Reyes, 5; and gray belters Justo Jeremiah Quitugua, 11; Reiden Palacios Travilla 9; and Kaiya Isabel Pangelinan, 8;

"After knowing I won gold, I felt very surprised and happy. I was also very proud of myself for doing my best. I decided to join Brazilian jiu-jitsu because I wanted to learn how to defend myself," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

BJJ instructor Cuki Alvarez couldn't be happier for her emerging padawan.

"Super proud but I knew she had a good chance. She has been training with Trench Tech for almost three years now," he said.

Quitugua's mother, Jacklyn, echoed Alvarez when she said she's extremely proud of her daughter and how far she has come in jiu-jitsu.

"She stepped out of her comfort zone by competing in Guam and taking all the skills she has been practicing and applying it in the tournament. I'd also like to thank professor Cuki with Trench Tech Saipan for giving her all the tools, coaching, and encouragement that helped her on the mats in Guam; thank you

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Santos: SBL to have 2023 season

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Saipan Baseball League president Jay Santos poses at the Francisco "Tan Ko" M. Palacios Baseball Field.

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Saipan Baseball League president Jay Santos assured fans of America's pastime that there will finally be a 2023 Saipan Baseball League season early next year.

"We want to get an announcement out to everybody that the Saipan Baseball League will be organizing a league by the end of January or early February."

Aside from the men's league, Santos said SBL is looking to also organize a U18 and U15 league to develop the island's up-and-coming baseball players.

"We're asking the community to start getting ready for those that want to field teams. In preparation for the league, now's the time to get started," he said.

The SBL head added that aside from the men's, U18, and U15 leagues, they're also keen in starting an interscholastic league for high school baseball players.

"What we hope to do is

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Paire FC slips past Shirley's FC in women's soccer

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Paire Football Club slipped past Shirley's Football Club, 3-1, in Week 2 of the Flores-Pee Luwal (Intermediate) Division A in the 2022 Dove Women's League last Saturday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Time ticked by in the first half as the ladies tried to navigate the ball through the field, with Vina Seelam's shot ringing in the 13th minute for Paire and just a minute later, Seelam shot it in once more for an early 2-0 Paire lead.

While Paire had their foot on the gas in the first half, Shirley's had theirs on the brakes as they came up empty. Ali Nelson of Paire scored the third and last goal 40 minutes in and Shirley's lone goal made by Kate Ocanada didn't register until the 50th minute.

After this game, both teams are at one win and one loss in the standings.

DIVISION B
Kanoa FC, 1 Matansa FC 0

Kanao Football Club shut down Matansa Football Club, 1-0 in the first game of the night.

The only goal that registered was 14 minutes in the first half made by Hannah Santos.

With this win, Kanoa FC is at one win, one draw, and one loss. Matansa is at one win and one loss.

TanHoldings FC 0, MPU 0

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File photo shows Paire Football Club soccer players in a game during the Spring 2022 Flores-Pee Luwal (Intermediate) in the 2022 Dove Women's League.